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People watch as stores burn Tuesday in Ferguson, Mo., after a grand jury decided not to indict police officer Darren Wilson in the death of Michael Brown. DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

Loyalty to Obama not enough to save Hagel

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Earlier this month, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel sat next to Joint Chiefs Chairman Martin Dempsey as the general testified to a House panel that he was considering ground troops in Iraq.

Dempsey had been pushing the

envelope on the war for months. But when Hagel was questioned by lawmakers, he repeated the Obama administration refrain, saying, "U.S. military personnel will not be engaged in a ground combat mission."

Up until his resignation announcement Monday, Hagel was a loyal backer of the administra-

tion and its military foreign policy, even when it conflicted with the views of top brass. Still, toeing the line was not enough to overcome what some saw as a lackluster tenure at the Pentagon and growing post-election pressure on the White House to shake up staff and refresh its war effort.

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President Barack Obama listens as Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel talks about his resignation at the White House on Monday.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I've said it publicly. I love Meryl Streep. I love her. Her husband knows I love her, Michelle knows I love her. There's nothing either of them can do about it."

— President Barack Obama, kidding during a White House ceremony at which the actress was one of this year's recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom

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VA fires Phoenix hospital director

By BRIAN SKOLOFF
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The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Nearly seven months after the Department of Veterans Affairs became embroiled in a nationwide scandal, the agency fired the head of its troubled Phoenix hospital amid allegations of misconduct and cover-ups.

Sharon Helman's ouster Monday comes as the department continues its crackdown on wrongdoing, including long wait times for veterans seeking medical care and falsified records covering up the delays.

Helman, director of the Phoenix VA Health Care System, was placed on administrative leave with two other high-ranking offi-

cials in May amid an investigation into allegations that veterans died while awaiting treatment.



Helman

and lawmakers hailed Helman's termination as another step forward in the process of fixing longstanding problems at the VA, but they warned there is still a lot of work to be done.

"There are still many more VA

scandal figures who also must be purged from the department's payroll in order for veterans and families to receive the closure they deserve," Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., chair of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, said in a statement.

Veterans in Phoenix had a similar reaction.

"It's just a slow process," said James Lawson, 66, an Army veteran. "I appreciate the VA, and they're correcting things now, but there's still a lot that has to be corrected."

The Phoenix hospital was at the center of the wait-time scandal, which led to the ouster of former VA Secretary Eric Shinseki and a new, \$16 billion law overhauling the labyrinthine veterans' health

care system.

Helman is the fifth senior executive nationwide fired or forced to resign in recent weeks in response to the wait-time scandal.

Helman has received more than \$90,000 in pay since being placed on administrative leave, Rep. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., told The Washington Times.

"This is a completely unacceptable use of taxpayer dollars that should instead go to providing care for veterans," she said. "The VA should now install a permanent director, ensuring leadership continuity and increased stability."

Glenn Grippen, a longtime VA administrator who retired in 2011, has been named interim director of the Phoenix VA Health Care System.

Report outlines incidents that led to firing of officer

By TONY PERRY
Los Angeles Times

SAN DIEGO — The captain of an amphibious assault ship has been relieved of command after an investigation found that he routinely used foul and abusive language toward crewmembers and engaged in inappropriate touching and questioning of women.

Capt. Wayne Brown was relieved as commander of the San Diego-based amphibious assault ship USS Boxer after an investigation concluded that he had "lost the respect, trust and confidence of his subordinates" because of his temper and his behavior toward female crewmembers, according to the investigators' report. His behavior included touching and asking crewmembers whether they were using birth control with their husbands or boyfriends.

Brown created a "hostile, offensive and intimidating work environment," according to the investigation that was undertaken after complaints from enlisted personnel and junior officers.

The recommendation to relieve him of command was endorsed by Rear Adm. Frank Ponds in late September.

A heavily redacted copy of the investigative report was provided last week to the Los Angeles

'He had a tirade (over the scheduling of a dance class) for approximately 30 minutes during which time he yelled and pounded his fist on the desk.'

Navy investigative report

Times through a request under the Freedom of Information Act. News of Brown's ouster and the conclusions of the investigation, were first reported in the U-T San Diego.

Brown joined the Navy as an enlisted sailor in 1986 and became an officer in 1989. After being relieved, Brown was reassigned to a desk job in San Diego.

The report quotes one sailor — whose name and rank are redacted — saying that, "Capt. Brown's leadership style is caustic and intimidating and is something he would consider 'old school' or from the '80s.'"

The Boxer is designed to take Marines and heavy equipment to war zones. It deployed in support of the war in Iraq in 2003, 2004 and 2007. It also deployed to a humanitarian mission off Central and South America. Earlier this year, it completed an eight-

month deployment in the Western Pacific.

Brown was executive officer on the Boxer before becoming the commanding officer in June. He is the 12th commanding officer of a Navy ship to be relieved this year, according to the Navy Times.

The investigative report includes allegations that Brown put his hand on the backs and hips of female sailors. Some incidents occurred aboard ship, some while the crew was on liberty in Bahrain and Subic Bay, Philippines.

Brown was concerned about female sailors and junior officers using birth control because the ship had lost several crewmembers who became pregnant and could not deploy, the report says. But the women were unnerved by the questioning and thought it was inappropriate, according to the report.

Another incident involved Brown's alleged outburst after finding that a dance class and an academic skills class were scheduled aboard ship at the same time. He did not want to reschedule the dance class because he attended the class, the report says.

"He had a tirade for approximately 30 minutes during which time he yelled and pounded his fist on the desk," the report says. Another display of anger came when he was angry



Brown

at a sailor for well-deck operations: "Capt. Brown proceeded to yell and curse at him and tell him how stupid his plan was."

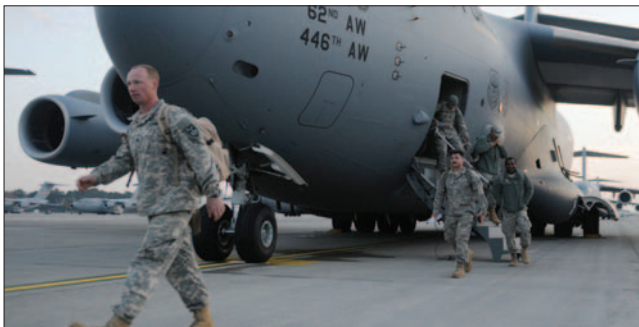
The report concluded that Brown had violated Navy regulations against sexual harassment and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. Along with ordering Brown relieved, Ponds also ordered an immediate investigation to determine if Brown's "caustic relationship with the port engineer" had undercut the Boxer's readiness to deploy.

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EBOLA OUTBREAK



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Airmen and soldiers depart a C-17 after returning to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, on Tuesday from their deployment in West Africa.

US troops back in Germany after Africa Ebola mission

By MATT MILLHAM
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The first planeload of American servicemembers returning to Germany from Africa touched down Tuesday after the German government approved a U.S. Army-run Ebola monitoring facility on its soil.

"We are grateful to Germany for its assistance in confronting this global health concern," said Navy Capt. Greg Hicks, a spokesman for U.S. European Command.

The monitoring site is on the Army's Smith Barracks in Baumholder, about 20 miles north of Ramstein Air Base. An Air Force C-17 carrying 54 passengers touched down at Ramstein on Tuesday morning, according to the base's 86th Airlift Wing. It's not known if all passengers were U.S. troops, and officials have not said if all 54 were taken to Baumholder.

Most of the preparations for the monitoring complex were finished more than a week ago. Personnel who returned to Germany following their mission in Africa will be confined to the facility for 21 days and be under medical observation for signs of Ebola infection. The monitoring complex is surrounded by a fence that officials said is meant to keep people from accidentally wandering in as much as it is to keep monitored personnel isolated.

Personnel — who were medically screened before leaving Africa and upon landing in Germany — will be tested twice daily for symptoms of Ebola over the three weeks they're in seclusion. Officials, said it is extremely unlikely that any servicemember



Sgt. Angela Gray, center, with Special Troops Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, takes the temperature of a returning airman.

sent to Baumholder will contract Ebola as troops sent there are at "no-known risk" for infection.

The 21 days of monitoring "is an added precaution to guarantee the clean bill of health of all servicemembers before they reintegrate into their workplaces and communities," Hicks said. "These measures will also safeguard the health of German citizens in the Baumholder community."

Baumholder residents who spoke with Stars and Stripes about the monitoring site were largely ambivalent about its presence and don't believe it poses a risk to the local community.

"We're not happy to have it, but we have it," said Axel Hantsch, who owns Portofino, an Italian restaurant less than a mile from the main gate of Smith Barracks.

His only issue is that "we run a home delivery, too, and the guys in the quarantine" won't be able to take advantage of that. "Otherwise, it's no big problem," Hantsch said.

German residents of Baumholder knew about the monitoring site even before it was announced by the Defense Department on Nov. 7. It was mostly Germans who work for the Army who prepared the facility and told fam-

ily and friends about it, residents said. Work on the facility started about a week before the DOD announcement, Army officials said.

Peter Goettel, owner of the Stadtkrug restaurant about a 10-minute walk from Smith Barracks, said he's fine with the facility, but the lack of official information from the Army or German government was frustrating.

"We're not in the States. This is German property," Goettel said. "They have to talk to us. That's my thing."

The monitoring facility includes four barracks buildings, a medical clinic and a temporary chow hall inside the fence, and a headquarters building outside the perimeter. The Army has outfitted each of the barracks with a full suite of entertainment options, including workout equipment, wireless Internet access, game consoles, books and pool and foosball tables.

Army officials said one of the biggest challenges of going through monitoring won't be Ebola but keeping boredom at bay during three weeks in isolation.

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Wing's commander tackles deadly virus on numerous fronts

By JENNIFER H. SVAM
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RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — One of Brig. Gen. Patrick Mordente's first tasks when deploying to West Africa nearly two months ago was to assess the viability of Liberia's international, single-runway airport and other supply channels into the Ebola-stricken region.

Tapped for his mobility expertise, Mordente, the 86th Airlift Wing commander at Ramstein Air Base, advised U.S. military leaders on the best way to get personnel, equipment and other resources to the area. He received the call Sept. 28 and was in West Africa in less than 72 hours.

"They needed a mobility specialist, and they needed one pretty quick, so they sent me," he said.

The logistics puzzle that Mordente helped piece together as the U.S. Ebola-relief mission got off the ground in early October has changed some in the meantime.

The establishment of an intermediate staging base at the international airport in Dakar, Senegal, has created another hub in the logistics pipeline. Most military aircrews no longer are needed to ferry supplies along the way to Liberia, Mordente said.

"What you have in Senegal right now, on the airfield campus, is a life support area where people can work, sleep, eat and operate," Mordente said.

"That just doesn't happen overnight," he added. "The Senegalese have a vote in that. You work with local governments, the local airfield officials. You come to agreements on a concept of operations ... and you begin to build it."

Two C-130 military cargo planes from the United States currently handle the final leg into Liberia. The arrangement mitigates wear and tear on the Liberian airfield and reduces the number of aircrews potentially exposed to Ebola, Mordente said.

"Doing what we're doing today would not have been possible 45 days ago," Mordente said. "As the operation matures ... there came a point in time where AFRICOM (United States Africa Command) felt, 'Hey, we're ready now. Let's go ahead and bring those C-130s forward and let's place them there.'"

Mordente, now back at Ramstein, recently spoke with Stars and Stripes about his role as the first Air Force general officer in West Africa during the start of the U.S. military mission to help fight Ebola.

When Mordente first arrived in the region, he spent a few days with Maj. Gen. Darryl Williams, commander of U.S. Army-Africa and the U.S. Africa Command's Joint Force Command Operation Assistance, to find out "where his focus was, what his priorities were," Mordente said.

Of utmost importance were supplies to build emergency treatment units for Ebola patients and medical laboratories to run blood

tests for the deadly virus.

"What you're trying to do when you first go in from a mobility perspective, is, 'How can I bring resources there quickly to support the ongoing effort?'" Mordente said.

Early on, it wasn't known whether Roberts International Airport, about 35 miles outside the capital, Monrovia, could withstand multiple landings of one of the Air Force's heavy transporters, the C-17. After arriving in Africa, Mordente talked to a military commander in Senegal who had surveyed the site, finding "the field's more capable than we think," Mordente said.

"So I was able to communicate that up to the right folks to say, 'Hey, it looks like this airfield is going to hold. Keep bringing the C-17s in.'"

In making recommendations to AFRICOM and U.S. Transportation Command, Mordente also considered



Mordente

other supply avenues, including sea-ports. While in Africa, he crossed paths with an Army lieutenant colonel wearing a hard hat.

He was from

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command and was in the country to survey ports, including one in Monrovia.

"I touched base with him before I left. I said, 'Hey, what was your initial take?'"

The response Mordente got:

There are some limitations here, there, but it's viable for surface ship movement.

"If I have multiple ways of getting into a location, if one of those becomes challenging because of government restrictions or flow restrictions, then I can flex to those other lanes," Mordente said.

Unlike some of his military colleagues with whom he worked in West Africa, Mordente was not subject to a 21-day quarantine when he returned, having left the country before the start of imposed mandatory controlled monitoring for all U.S. military personnel serving in the Ebola-stricken region. He was in Africa for only about a week, spending the rest of his 30-day assignment advising the military mission from the rear at Vicenza, Italy.

He was still subject to twice-a-day temperature monitoring for 21 days while in Vicenza, he said.

Those measures were merely a precaution, he said. "I never had a concern that I had contracted."

"Once you become educated about Ebola, you understand" that it is a difficult virus to contract, he said. "I think education was the best preparation in going down."

Still, he doesn't downplay the seriousness of Ebola.

"It's a horrible virus once you contract it," he said.

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MILITARY

Hagel: History at post shows series of stumbles

FROM FRONT PAGE

"I never had the sense that anybody in the department felt the buck stopped with Hagel," said Gordon Adams, a professor of foreign policy at American University in Washington.

President Barack Obama made the official announcement of Hagel's resignation Monday, saying the secretary had approached him about leaving last month. Hagel agreed to stay on until a successor is confirmed by the Senate.

The former Republican senator and Vietnam War veteran seemed to stumble at times during his confirmation hearing in January 2013 and never settled into a strong leadership role in the Pentagon in the nearly two years that followed.

Adams said Dempsey and other military leaders often made headlines by stepping out of sync with Hagel and the White House, increasing the Pentagon's problems. Hagel was not in command of the nation's largest federal department.

"A lot of people thought he was unfit for the job from the beginning, kind of rubber-stamping

the Obama administration's foreign policy," said Diem Nguyen Salmon, a senior policy analyst for defense budgeting at the Heritage Foundation.

That became more pronounced in recent months as the nation plunged into a new war and the administration struggled to articulate its military strategy to Congress and the public. It left Hagel, not known as a great communicator, with a tough job — explaining strategy and goals for the war against the Islamic State that were increasingly criticized as ill-defined.

The troubles at the Pentagon came to a head during midterm elections this month. Salmon said rumors of Hagel's departure began circulating in Washington in the weeks after the administration took an electoral beating and lost majority control in the Senate.

The elections featured images of Islamic militants in TV campaign ads and candidates cast dire warnings about a new terrorism threat. They were a stinging loss for Democrats, partly seen as a

referendum on Obama's military policy in Iraq and Syria.

In the days after, the White House likely looked at Hagel and his underwhelming tenure at the Pentagon as an opportunity to make a change in leadership and show an uncertain public it was taking concerns over the war seriously, Salmon said.

Despite his loyalty, Hagel had become the most visible weak link in the administration's foreign policy team.

"I think that that could absolutely be the case — that they used him as a scapegoat," Salmon said.

Still, despite public appearances, it appeared Hagel was privately frustrated with the White House and its war strategy well before the election. A leaked memo written by the defense secretary last month to National Security Advisor Susan Rice criticized its approach to dealing with Syrian President Bashar Assad, who has waged a bloody civil war against moderate rebels the U.S. hopes to train against the Islamic State but who has remained largely in the periphery of the war strategy.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said that his former colleague on Capitol Hill had told him he was unhappy with the White House, which has been accused of micromanaging defense issues by former defense secretaries Robert Gates and Leon Panetta.

"I know that Chuck was frustrated with aspects of the administration's national security policy and decision-making process," McCain said in a written statement.

Hagel is the third defense secretary to leave during the Obama presidency.

So far, it remains unclear what the administration wants in Hagel's replacement, who will likely be confirmed with a new GOP majority in the Senate next year.

Michele Flournoy, a former under secretary of defense, and Ashton Carter, former deputy defense secretary, were both top candidates for the position in the past and their names have again surfaced.

Flournoy, a liberal defense hawk who founded and now runs a Washington think tank, was the top military policy adviser

to Hagel's predecessor, Panetta, when she served as policy under secretary from 2009 until 2012. Her support of a muscular foreign policy and military intervention, as well as an opposition to mandatory defense budget caps under sequestration, could contrast with Hagel, who was appointed to manage a shaky military and the winding down of two long wars.

Carter is a long-time Pentagon hand who was the second in charge, running day-to-day operations until he was passed over for defense secretary when Obama chose Hagel and left the Defense Department in 2013.

Mike O'Hanlon, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, said the White House may be looking for bold new ideas to refresh military foreign policy — but there are other indications it considered Hagel too assertive in private.

"We are all just trying to make sense of contradictory rumors," O'Hanlon said. "The administration is just going to have to clarify."

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In defense game, Howard's a winner

By AL KAMEN
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WASHINGTON — With Chuck Hagel out, we're reminded of a certain presidential promise.

The American people picked their dream secretary of defense months ago, and now that the Pentagon post is open the public is renewing its effort (at least on Twitter) to name soccer goalkeeper Tim Howard to the job.

Remember, President Barack Obama had promised to "think about it."

After the U.S. soccer team was knocked out of the World Cup in early July, Howard was regarded as a national hero for his record 16 saves in the match against Belgium. A petition to the White House was created to name Howard the nation's defense secretary "for acts of valor and general badassery during the 2014 World Cup." (The petition has since closed, so no telling how many people ultimately signed it.)

At the time someone even momentarily changed the Wikipedia page for Hagel to name Howard the Pentagon chief.

The active campaign earned Howard a call from Hagel, who told the goalie that "with some training, he could someday become the real secretary of defense."

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Obama mentioned the petition in his Independence Day video address to the nation: "Chuck Hagel's got that spot right now, but if there is a vacancy, I promise to think about it," Obama said.

Within minutes of the Hagel departure announcement, the pressure was already mounting on Twitter for Obama to keep his promise.

But alas, responding to one fan, Howard seemed to take himself out of the running.

"I'm pretty busy with my day job," he tweeted.

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In? Wrong! Out? Wrong!

In related news, White House aides said Obama removed Hagel because the administration needed to find someone with different skills.

But Sen. John McCain, on an



JULIO CORTES/AP

United States goalkeeper Tim Howard stretches to make a save during a World Cup match against Belgium in July. His record 16 saves in the match led to Howard becoming an Internet sensation, with many calling him the secretary of defense. Now the job is available.

Arizona radio station Monday morning, attacked Obama for removing the former GOP senator from Nebraska, saying Hagel was "up to the job."

"He was in my office last week," said the Arizona Republican. "He was very frustrated. We have no strategy."

So does that mean McCain was wrong back in February 2013 when he and 40 other GOP senators voted against Hagel's confirmation to be secretary of defense? (This was the smallest confirmation margin ever for that post. Only four Republicans — including Sen. Rand Paul, of Kentucky

— voted for Hagel.)

McCain bitterly attacked Hagel at his confirmation hearing for opposing the "surge" in Iraq.

McCain: "Now, I would please answer the question: Were you correct or incorrect when you said that the surge would be the most dangerous foreign policy blunder in this country since Vietnam? Were you correct or incorrect?"

Hagel: "My -"
McCain: "Yes or no?"

Hagel: "My reference to the surge being both dangerous -"

McCain: "Are you going to answer the question, Senator Hagel? The question is, were you right or

wrong? That's a pretty straightforward question."

Hagel said he wouldn't give a "yes" or "no."

And during the vote on Hagel, McCain said: "Nothing in Senator Hagel's background indicates that he would effectively manage the Department of Defense."

At the time, our colleague Paul Kane reported, McCain told one interviewer that there was a "lot of ill will" toward Hagel for the way he turned his back on the GOP in his final years in the Senate.

So Obama was wrong then about Hagel. And, according to McCain, he's wrong again now.

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Loss of clout left Hagel little reason to fight for his job

By JONATHAN ALLEN
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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama pushed Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel out of his job Monday after less than 21 months, with White House officials citing disagreements over Iraq and Syria policy.

Hagel, who had grown increasingly frustrated with tight White House management of policy, was ready to go anyway, a U.S. defense official said. He resigned without a fight.

The Vietnam veteran's departure spotlights how one of Washington's most powerful jobs — overseeing the country's strongest military and a budget of more than \$600 billion — has faded in the Obama era. Under Obama, the strict White House control often has left Hagel and other Cabinet members with limited autonomy.

"The White House has really wanted to minimize the influence of the Pentagon on policy," said Rosa Brooks, who was counselor to then-Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Michele Flournoy during Obama's first term.

Like his immediate predecessors at the Pentagon, Robert Gates and Leon Panetta, Hagel chafed at the way a small cadre of Obama loyalists centralized power in the White House. When Obama backed off a threat to bomb Syria last year, he made the decision on a walk with his chief of staff, Denis McDonough. Hagel was informed of the decision later.

Tension between Hagel and White House aides got so bad, the defense official said, that Hagel would often phone Obama after the meetings to make sure his voice was heard.

"Chuck was frustrated with aspects of the administration's national security policy and decision-making process," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Monday. "His predecessors have spoken about the excessive micro-management they faced from the White House and how that made it more difficult to do their jobs successfully. Chuck's situation was no different."

The White House's National

Security Council staff, designed to coordinate policy among the various federal agencies, has grown under Obama — to roughly 270 people from about 200 under President George W. Bush, according to Reuters.

During his stint leading the Defense Department, Hagel bristled at his treatment by Obama's aides, who often shot down his ideas in meetings, according to the defense official.

One of his concerns centered on U.S. policy in Iraq and Syria, where limiting the use of American military force in Syria to Islamic State and other extremist groups threatens to strengthen dictator Bashar Assad and discourage allies such as Saudi Arabia from participating in the coalition.

In October, Hagel wrote a letter to Obama's National Security Adviser Susan Rice, with whom he often clashed, seeking clarity on U.S. policy toward Assad.

"So clearly, Hagel's recent memo about how our strategy is failing and must be adjusted was welcome news to those of us who have harbored these thoughts for some time," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said in a statement. "It's clear to me that Hagel realizes our failures in Syria have also greatly contributed to destabilization in Iraq and a more robust response is required."

While it confirmed the fears of some lawmakers, the letter infuriated Obama's White House aides, the defense official said.

The defense budget was another source of friction between Hagel and the White House, particularly the constraints imposed by automatic cuts known as sequestration.

Hagel viewed sequestration, officials close to the defense secretary said, as a political and policy blunder based on a bad reading of the likely Republican response and an even worse assessment of growing threats around the world. All of those dangers, the officials said, were highlighted in intelligence analyses but officials around Obama chose to highlight a more favorable narrative. In the White House's telling, militant Islam was in retreat after the death of Osama bin Laden and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel walks down the steps of the Pentagon on Monday.

were winding down and leaving self-sufficient regimes in place. Therefore, the U.S. could afford to cut the defense budget.

Hagel argued that the proposed budget was insufficient in light of the growing threats. The White House eventually acceded, one of the officials said, though the result is a more complicated 2015 budget request.

Washington insiders say that the job has lost value because the diminished standing at the White House also leaves the defense secretary with less clout inside the Pentagon. That's especially true in the final two years of the administration.

"You get into this kind of death spiral," said former Representative Ellen Tauscher, who served as an undersecretary of state in the Obama administration. "The more that they understand you don't have the juice to get things done inside [the White House Situation room], the less they're going to be willing to work with you to get done the things that you need to get done."

Top Air Force PAO denies 'disaster' tweet

By CHRIS CARROLL
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Officials are trying to figure out how the Twitter account of the Air Force's top public affairs officer waded into the contentious battle over immigration, and are promising to tighten up social media safeguards as a result.

Last week, someone with access to Brig. Gen. Kathleen Cook's account retweeted a message from Fox News anchor Megyn Kelly about President Barack Obama's decision to shield up to 5 million undocumented immigrants from deportation.

"The president has decided the last two years of his term are going to be a disaster," followers of both Kelly and Cook read late Friday.

The tweet disappeared Saturday, with a message from Cook that "my last RT was not tweeted by me... fixing..."

In a written statement Monday, Cook denied she had issued the tweet criticizing the commander in chief. Commentators on the Internet observed it could be a violation of U.S. regulations for a commissioned officer to publish

"contemptuous words against the president."

Cook said she had been busy with family responsibilities rather than tweeting when what she called the "errant retweet" occurred.

"Throughout this entire process, I have been on leave tending to my daughter who had surgery this past Friday," she said. "I was not on Twitter at the time of the post."

Several people have had access to her Twitter account over the years for official purposes, she said.

Air Force spokesman Lt. Col. Chris Karns said he couldn't speculate on who issued the tweet or whether it was intentional or an accident by someone using the wrong Twitter account. He said Air Force officials are investigating, and added that Cook's account password has been changed for the first time in years.

"We've learned a lesson here about the importance of safeguarding social media accounts," he said, "and particularly the importance of changing passwords regularly."

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Kadena airman killed in motorcycle crash

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — An airman from Kadena Air Base died Monday following an on-base motorcycle crash.

The airman was pronounced dead at U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa at Camp Foster at 5:53 p.m., Air Force officials said in a statement. No other vehicles were involved in the crash.

The airman's name is being withheld pending next-of-kin notification, the statement said. No other details were available.

Despite targeted safety outreach, motorcycle crashes outside of U.S. military installations around the world are not uncommon. However, crashes on base are rare, as most installations have low speed limits and roving security patrols.

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NATION

Grand jury decision ignites violence in Ferguson

BY JIM SALTER
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The Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — Smoke billowed from burned-out buildings and sidewalks were strewn with broken glass in Ferguson, Mo., following a grand jury's decision not to indict a white police officer in the killing of an unarmed black 18-year-old in one America's most racially charged cases in recent years.

Some Ferguson stores that weren't burned had smashed display windows, but the streets of the St. Louis suburb were mostly clear.

The grand jury's decision means that Officer Darren Wilson will not face any state criminal charges for killing Michael Brown, whose death inflamed deep racial tensions between many black Americans and police.

Wilson's lawyers issued a statement praising the decision and saying the officer, who has remained out of the public eye since the shooting, is grateful to his supporters. "Law enforcement personnel must frequently make split-second and difficult decisions," the lawyers wrote. "Officer Wilson followed his training and followed the law."

Monday night's destruction appeared to be much worse than protests after August's shootings, with more than a dozen businesses badly damaged or destroyed. Authorities reported hearing hundreds of gunshots, which for a time prevented fire crews from fighting the flames.

There were 61 arrests in Ferguson overnight, many for burglary and trespassing, St. Louis County Police spokesman Brian Schellman said. There were 21 arrests in St. Louis, where protesters broke some store windows along South Grand Avenue, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay said.

Gov. Jay Nixon issued a statement around 1 a.m. Tuesday saying he was calling in more National Guard troops to assist law enforcement in Ferguson and protect the public," the statement said.

Nixon, who visited Ferguson hours before the grand jury's announcement, did not specify how many more guard troops were needed.

"The guard is providing security at the Ferguson Police Department, which will allow additional law enforcement officers to protect the public," the statement said.

On Monday night, National Guard soldiers had been assigned to protect, among other locations, a police command post and an electrical substation. That approach frustrated Ferguson Mayor James



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Police gather on a Ferguson, Mo., street as protesters react after the announcement of the grand jury decision Monday not to indict police officer Darren Wilson.

Knowles III as the unrest spread, *The New York Times* noted.

"They're here in the area," Knowles said, "I don't know why they're not deploying."

At least 14 people were injured during the overnight protests, including two people who were admitted to Barnes-Jewish Hospital for treatment of undisclosed injuries. That hospital treated five other people who were then released. Several other area hospitals did not immediately respond to phone messages and emails seeking comment.

Meanwhile, many Ferguson-area districts canceled classes out of concern about the safety of getting children to and from school.

The violence erupted despite pleas for calm from President Barack Obama and the Brown family.

Prosecuting Attorney Bob McCulloch said witnesses had given the grand jury inconsistent accounts of the shooting, including whether Brown's hands were raised and whether he was stumbling or charging toward Wilson. Authorities later released Wilson's own account of the shooting in which he said Brown had punched him in the face and tried to grab his gun.

Speaking to reporters for nearly 45 minutes, McCulloch never mentioned that Brown was unarmed when he was killed.

Brown's family released a statement saying they were "profoundly disappointed" but asked that the public "channel your frustration in ways that will make a positive change."

Shortly after the announce-



CHRISTIAN GOODEN, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/AP

A protester poses for a "hands up" photo in front of a burning building on West Florissant Avenue in Ferguson on Monday night.



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Members of the Missouri Highway Patrol walk past a building Tuesday that was burned to the ground in Dellwood, Mo.

ment, authorities released more than 1,000 pages of grand jury documents, including Wilson's testimony.

Wilson told jurors that he initially encountered Brown and a friend walking in a street, and when he told them to move to a

sidewalk, Brown responded with an expletive. Wilson then noticed that Brown had a handful of cigars, "and that's when it clicked for me," he said, referring to a radio report minutes earlier of a robbery at a nearby convenience store.

Wilson said he asked a dispatcher to send additional police and then backed his vehicle up in front of Brown and his friend. As he tried to open the door, Wilson said Brown slammed it back shut.

The officer said he pushed Brown with the door, and Brown hit him in the face. Wilson told grand jurors he was thinking: "What do I do not to get beaten inside my car?"

"I drew my gun," Wilson told the grand jury. "I said, 'Get back or I'm going to shoot you.'"

"He immediately grabs my gun and says, 'You are too much of a pussy to shoot me,'" Wilson told grand jurors. He said Brown grabbed the gun with his right hand, twisted it and "digs it into my hip."

Asked why he felt the need to pull his gun, Wilson told grand jurors he was concerned another punch to his face could "knock me out or worse."

After shots were fired in the vehicle, Brown fled and Wilson gave chase. At some point, Brown turned around to face the officer.

Witness accounts were conflicted about whether Brown walked, stumbled or charged back toward Wilson before he was fatally wounded, McCulloch said. There were also differing accounts of how or whether Brown's hands were raised. His body fell about 153 feet from Wilson's vehicle.

Thousands of people rallied — mostly peacefully — in other U.S. cities on Monday night while the president appealed for calm.

The Justice Department is conducting a separate investigation into possible civil rights violations that could result in federal charges, but investigators would need to satisfy a rigorous standard of proof to mount a prosecution. The department also has launched a broad probe into the Ferguson Police Department, looking for patterns of discrimination. Brown's family could also file a wrongful-death lawsuit against Wilson.

The Aug. 9 shooting heightened tensions in the predominantly black suburb that is patrolled by an overwhelmingly white police force. As Brown's body lay for hours in the center of a residential street, an angry crowd of onlookers gathered. Rioting and looting occurred the following night, and police responded with armored vehicles and tear gas.

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NATION

Cleveland police: Video shows shooting of boy

By JOHN P. COYNE
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The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — A officer was less than 10 feet away when he fatally shot a 12-year-old boy carrying a pellet gun near a playground, and video of the shooting is clear about what happened, police said Monday.

The boy was confronted Saturday by officers responding to an emergency call about a male who appeared to be pulling a gun in and out of his pants.

The caller said the gun was "probably fake," then added, "I don't know if it's real or not." Deputy Chief Edward Tomba said Monday that he didn't know whether a dispatcher shared that information with responding officers.

The president of the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association has said the officers weren't told the caller thought the gun might be fake.

Police say Tamir Rice, who died Sunday, had an "airsoft" gun that appeared indistinguishable from a real firearm. Airsoft guns fire spherical plastic pellets and have orange tips to show they aren't real firearms, but police said the one the boy had didn't have the bright safety indicator.

Authorities said the boy was told to raise his hands and was shot when he pulled the pellet gun from his waistband, though he hadn't pointed it at police or made verbal threats.

"Our officers at times are required to make critical decisions in a split second," Chief Calvin Williams said. "Unfortunately this is one of those times."

Tomba said surveillance video of the shooting is "very clear" about what occurred, but he wouldn't discuss details of what it shows. People representing the boy's family viewed the video Monday, but police didn't release it publicly because it is considered evidence and because they want to be sensitive to the family, the community and the officer, who is distraught, officials said.

The shooting has led to an investigation of the officer's use of force. It also contributed to a state lawmaker's plan to propose legislation requiring all BB guns, air rifles and airsoft guns sold in Ohio to be brightly colored or have prominent fluorescent stripes.

Once the investigation is complete, the case will be presented to a grand jury to decide whether any criminal charges should be brought, county Prosecutor Timothy McGinty said.

The two officers involved in the shooting were put on administrative leave under standard procedure. Police haven't publicly identified them.

At least 100 people gathered near a recreation center at the playground Monday night to show support for the boy's family. Some demonstrators carried signs that

read "Danger Police in Area" and "Police Terror: This Stops Today." They chanted, "Justice for Tamir!"

"We will not accept any excuse why this young man was shot down unjustly," said Art McKoy, a Cleveland community activist at the demonstration.

The Associated Press left a message for the attorney, Timothy Kucharski, on Monday. He said previously that Tamir went to the park with friends Saturday afternoon, but he didn't know the details of what led to the shooting and wanted to get more facts and talk to witnesses himself.



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Demonstrators gather in Cleveland on Monday to protest the shooting of Tamir Rice, 12, by a Cleveland police officer Saturday after the boy reportedly pulled a replica gun at a city park.

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NATION

President honors 18 civilians

By PEGGY MCGLONE
The Washington Post

President Barack Obama awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom — the nation's highest civilian honor — to a diverse and distinguished group of activists, artists, scientists and public servants Monday afternoon, including actress Meryl Streep, Congressman John D. Dingell, physicist Mildred Dresselhaus and musician Steve Wonder.

The president paid tribute to each of the 18 recipients before awarding the medals. These are given annually to individuals who have made "especially meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States," according to the White House.

The recipients "have made America stronger, wiser, more humane, more beautiful," Obama said. "Not only have they made our world better, but by following their example, they make us a better."

Obama turned into Fanboy in Chief during his remarks about Streep and Wonder, who were honored for their cultural contributions along with actress Marlo Thomas, writer Isabel Allende and broadcaster and author Tom Brokaw.

"I've said it publicly. I love Meryl Streep. I love her. Her husband knows I love her, Michelle knows I love her," Obama said, nodding to his wife. "There's nothing ei-



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President Barack Obama awards professional golfer Charles Sifford, center, the Presidential Medal of Freedom on Monday during a ceremony in the White House. Obama awarded the civilian honor to 18 artists, activists, public servants and others.

ther of them can do about it."

Six people received the honor posthumously, including dancer and choreographer Alvin Ailey, Edward Roybal, the Democrat from California who was the founder of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus; and Patsy Takemoto Mink, D-Hawaii, the first woman of color elected to Congress and co-author of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, who were killed during the "Freedom Summer" voter registration drive in 1964, received the loudest and longest applause when their family members accepted their medals.

Several others were recognized for their work on behalf of gender and racial equality, including Dingell, the longest-serving member of Congress. The Democrat has represented Michigan since 1955 and is

staunch supporter of civil rights, health care and environmental causes.

Professional golfer Charles Sifford was recognized for his work to desegregate the Professional Golfers' Association, and writer and curator Suzan Harjo was honored for her advocacy on behalf of Native Americans, including a more than 20-year campaign to change the name of the Washington football team.

Others honored included Ethel Kennedy, who founded the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights in memory of her husband; Abner Mikva, a former congressman, judge and White House counsel; and economist Robert Solow.

Composer and lyricist Stephen Sondheim, who was named as a recipient two weeks ago but was not in attendance Monday, will receive his medal next year, Obama said.

NY officials keep eye on rising water

The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Some Buffalo-area residents dealt with flooded basements from melting snow as authorities on Tuesday kept an eye on rising creek levels a week after the region was hit by record-breaking lake-effect storms.

The National Weather Service issued a flood warning until late Tuesday afternoon for parts of a five-county area of western New York, including Erie County. Forecasters say moderate flooding is possible along some creeks in the area, but fears of disastrous conditions have eased.

Winds gusted to 40 mph early Tuesday, but few power outages were reported.

All Buffalo public schools have reopened after being closed since last Tuesday, when the storms began shutting down much of the region. Some districts in the hardest-hit areas outside the city reopened Monday, but others won't resume classes until next Monday.

Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown said Monday that crews have removed 11,000 truckloads of snow from city neighborhoods.

The Red Cross has an emergency shelter open in case of flooding, roof collapses or power outages force evacuations.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, in the region for a sixth straight day Monday, said state-deployed pumps and sandbags were in place as rain and temperatures over 60 rapidly melted the snow. Residents shoveled snow in T-shirts against a backdrop of white drifts.

Snowfall across the region ranged from less than a foot to about 7½ feet.

NM governor pays visit to boy, 11, after surgery

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS
The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — An 11-year-old Mexican boy with a massive tumor who drew international attention when U.S. officials helped him get treatment in New Mexico is still recovering after an 11-hour surgery to remove pieces of the growth.

He got a surprise visitor while resting.

New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez visited Jose Antonio Ramirez Serrano on Monday, a week after the Ciudad Juarez-born boy underwent the risky procedure to remove what doctors called multiple cysts, spongy-soft tissue and a conglomeration of blood vessels.

Around a third of the watermelon-sized tumor was expunged and the boy now faces months of physical therapy, according to doctors at University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque.

"In the operating room, we encountered more bleeding than expected," said pediatric surgeon Cynthia Reyes, who led the surgery team. Reyes said the team was able to get the bleeding under control and the 97-pound boy is

recovering in an intensive care unit.

"He's had an amazing attitude during the whole thing," said Jimmy Windsor, director of Pediatric Cardiac Anesthesia at the hospital.

In July 2012, U.S. Homeland Security Investigations assisted in picking up the boy and his parents from a neighborhood in Ciudad Juarez — one of the deadliest cities in the world due to drug cartels.

Federal agents helped the family seek care for Jose after First Baptist Church of Rio Rancho members saw him during a missionary visit.

After stories and images of the boy went viral, First Baptist Church officials reported a jump in donations to help him raise money for the surgeries.

Martinez then got involved and sought an extended visa for the boy to receive treatment in New Mexico.

During her visit with Jose on Monday, the Republican governor softly touched the boy's knee as she spoke to his parents in Spanish. She asked about his condition and asked his parents to keep her updated.

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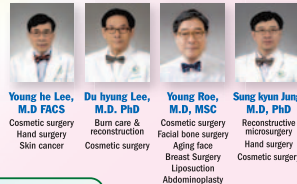
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Travelers wait in line at a security checkpoint at Midway International Airport in Chicago on Friday.

Storm may snarl holiday travel

The Associated Press

MINEOLA, N.Y. — A nor'easter was expected to develop along the East Coast just as millions of travelers head to their Thanksgiving destinations, bringing mostly rain close to the coast, but heavier snow further inland. The exact track and severity of the storm had meteorologists on alert.

"A small deviation in the track could change things dramatically," said Jeff Masters, chief meteorologist for Weather Underground. The storm, forecast to dump rain along the coast and snow inland, could cause delays along busy Northeast highways and had the possibility of upsetting travel plans at airports throughout the region.

Precipitation was forecast to sweep in from the south Tuesday night into Wednesday morn-

ing and exit the region Thursday morning.

"I would pack your patience," said Robert Sinclair, of AAA New York. "Unfortunately, the storm is scheduled to hit right in the middle of getaway day."

Masters said coastal cities are likely to mostly receive rain, although meteorologists were keeping a close eye on the rain/snow line. As of Monday, the highest amount of snow was expected to fall in northeastern Pennsylvania, the Catskills of upstate New York and into Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. As much as 10 inches was possible in some places, forecasters said.

Officials at the three major airports in the New York City area — Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark Liberty — were "monitoring weather forecasts carefully," and were ready to take action if

needed, said Steve Coleman, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates the airports.

All the major U.S. airlines were closely monitoring the situation but have not yet canceled flights or made any other changes.

American Airlines was allowing passengers flying to some Northeast cities on Wednesday to move their flight, for free, to Tuesday or Thursday. Delta Air Lines had a similar waiver for Wednesday flights to the region, but it was letting passengers reschedule only for flights on Thursday or Friday, which might be too late for many travelers.

Sinclair noted that an estimated 41.3 million travelers were expected to hit the nation's highways for the holiday weekend. That's a 14.3 percent increase over last year.

Thanksgiving trumps Black Friday for deals

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thanksgiving could be the best day to shop all year.

An analysis of sales data and store circulars by two research firms contradicts conventional wisdom that Black Friday is when shoppers can get the most and biggest sales of the year.

Turns out, shoppers will find more discounted items in stores that are open on Thanksgiving. For example, there are a total of 86 laptops and tablets deeply discounted as door buster deals at Best Buy, Wal-Mart and others on the holiday compared with just nine on Black Friday, according to an analysis of promotions for The Associated Press by researcher Market Track.

On the Web, discounts will be deeper on the holiday. Online prices on Thanksgiving are expected to be about 24 percent cheaper compared with 23 percent on Black Friday and 20 percent on Cyber Monday, according to Adobe, which tracks data on 4,500 retail websites.

The data is the latest proof that retailers are slowly redefining the Black Friday tradition. It's been the biggest shopping day of the year for decades, mostly because it's traditionally when retailers pull out their best sales events. But in the last few years, retailers like the Gap, Target and Toys R Us have started opening their stores and offering holiday discounts on Thanksgiving to better compete with online rivals.

"I was surprised, but it really shifted one day," said Tamara Gaffney, principal analyst at Adobe, which is based in San Jose, Calif.

Some industry watchers fear others won't shop on Thanksgiving, choosing to keep the day sacred. Those who wait instead to shop on Black Friday could wind up being disappointed with the leftover deals, they say. According to Deloitte Research's recent survey of shoppers, about two-thirds say they're not motivated to go out to stores Thanksgiving because it's important to be with family and friends.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Militants toughen tactics in Iraq's Anbar

By SUSANNAH GEORGE
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IRBIL, Iraq — A recent Islamic State group offensive in Iraq's Anbar province suggests that the extremist organization is changing tactics, relying less on local Sunni Muslim tribes for support and carrying out what one coalition strategist called a "counter-insurgency campaign" intended to undercut any U.S.-led effort to enlist tribes against it.

The outlines of this new strategy became apparent last week when the Islamic State launched an assault on Ramadi, the capital of Anbar province, without the

assistance of local fighters. That assault was preceded by weeks of assassinations aimed at prominent members of Anbar tribes.

"This is the first real multi-pronged assault by the group acting on its own," said Ayman al-Tamimi, a Middle East-based researcher who studies jihadist groups in Iraq and Syria, referring to the campaign which began last Friday.

The Islamic State's success over the summer is due in part to Sunni tribes joining in its campaign against the Shiite Muslim-led government of then-Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. Since then, however, two developments have

undercut that cooperation: Al-Maliki has been replaced by Haider al-Abadi, who's considered more palatable to Sunnis than al-Maliki, and the Islamic State group has asserted itself at the expense of local factions in the areas of Iraq that it controls.

"Coordination might have been fashionable at the start of the renewed insurgency at the beginning of this year," al-Tamimi said, referring to cooperation between Sunni tribes and the Islamic State group dating to January. "But it seems to have dropped off."

As the provincial capital, Ramadi is the key to control of Anbar

and would be an important stepping stone for any eventual Islamic State group advance on the Iraqi capital, Baghdad. Much of the province is already under the Islamic State's control, including the city of Fallujah, where the U.S. conducted two bloody offensives against jihadist forces during its occupation of Iraq from 2003 to 2011.

Ramadi has been contested for nearly a year between Islamic State forces and those loyal to the government in Baghdad. U.S. officials, in an effort to break the Islamic State's alliance with Sunni tribes, plan to arm Sunni tribes-

men with more than \$24 million worth of weaponry and supplies, including AK-47 assault rifles, rocket-propelled grenades and mortar rounds, according to a document prepared for Congress. The U.S. also plans to send hundreds of American troops to Anbar to help train Sunni tribesmen; at least 50 are already based at Al-Asad Air Base in Anbar.

Some analysts say the U.S. plans — and the recent government capture of Baiji in Salahuddin province — may be behind the Islamic State's new strategy of cooperating less with local tribes and working to undercut possible new enemies.



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Iraqi federal policemen search a car at a checkpoint in Baghdad.

Iraq overhauling Baghdad security

By HAMZA HENDAWI
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Baghdad's neighborhood of Gorayaat, a small Shiite enclave on a bend in the Tigris River, exemplifies the failures of Iraq's security agencies trying to protect the capital from attacks by the Islamic State group. The district has been a target for years, hit by so many bombings, suicide attacks, rockets and mortars that residents have lost count.

After a car bomb ripped through its main commercial street earlier this month, killing 15 people and wounding 42, security forces responded as they have after every previous attack: Soldiers and police swarmed in to secure Gorayaat's streets; at checkpoints, they checked people's IDs, and anyone who was not a resident had to account for his presence.

"That goes on for one or two days, then it's back to normal and we wait for the next bombing," said Idris Jawad, a resident.

The government is now trying to revamp security measures, moving away from reliance on concrete blast walls and police checkpoints. Instead, the plan is to beef up police intelligence units that have gone underfunded and undertrained since the 2003 fall of Saddam Hussein, according to



A man is searched as part of efforts to stop bombings.

intelligence and Interior Ministry officials.

Among the ideas being considered is to significantly increase the recruitment of informers among the public to report on suspicious behavior, the ministry official told The Associated Press.

That would mean recruiting Sunnis, something that has been difficult in the past. Sunnis deeply distrust the Shiite-dominated security forces, which they often accuse of discriminating against

their co-religionists. Moreover, the security forces are known to be infiltrated by both Sunni and Shiite militants, meaning that anyone who cooperates with authorities against militants risks being exposed.

The Interior Ministry official and two intelligence officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to discuss the steps under discussion.

Interior Ministry spokesman Maan Saad said a large shipment of new, U.S.-made bomb-detection equipment is arriving soon in Iraq.

"It will be very useful and effective in minimizing the terrorist threats against Iraqis," he said, refusing to give details of the technology or the cost.

Iraqi forces are battling the Islamic State group, struggling to push them back from the vast swaths of territory they captured in the summer. While the extremist fighters hold territory on Baghdad's doorstep, they are seen as unable to overrun the capital as they did Iraq's Sunni-majority areas.

But they have proven able to infiltrate with relative ease. More than 3,000 people have been killed and twice that number wounded in attacks in Baghdad in the first 10 months of 2014, according to U.N. figures.

Lawmaker seeks declaration of war against Islamic State

CQ Roll Call

WASHINGTON — Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., has upped the ante in the debate over the role of Congress in the fight against the Islamic State group.

Paul announced Monday that he would be introducing a resolution to formally declare war against the terrorist group in Syria and Iraq, setting up the possibility of a contentious vote as part of a potential use-of-force authorization debate next year.

"How and when this is considered is something Senator Paul will discuss with his colleagues and with the Majority Leader," Doug Stafford, a senior adviser to Paul, said in a statement to CQ Roll Call. Paul's joint resolution would provide for the first declared war since World War II.

Of course, it is Paul's senior Kentucky colleague, Sen. Mitch

McConnell, who will assume the title of majority leader next year. McConnell has also pledged a more open Senate chamber in the new Congress, meaning it is more likely such a vote could be required as part of any force debate.

"When Congress comes back into session in December, I will introduce a resolution to declare war against ISIS (the Islamic State group). I believe the President must come to Congress to begin a war and that Congress has a duty to act," Paul said in a statement. "Right now, this war is illegal until Congress acts pursuant to the Constitution and authorizes it."

The New York Times first reported on the resolution Sunday evening. The declaration would have a one-year sunset, something likely to be opposed by more hawkish lawmakers.

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Rescue workers and volunteers search for survivors in the rubble of a building that collapsed in the Cairo suburb of Matariya early Tuesday.

17 die in Egyptian building collapse

By MAGGIE MICHAEL
The Associated Press

CAIRO — An apartment building in Egypt's capital collapsed Tuesday, killing at least 17 people as rescuers and neighbors frantically dug through rubble with their hands to find survivors, authorities said.

The collapse in Cairo's eastern Matariya district highlights the longtime problem of shoddy construction across Egypt, as neighbors said the seven-story building had several floors illegally added onto it. Egyptian developers seeking bigger profits frequently build without permits amid a nationwide housing shortage, rampant corruption and lax government oversight.

The building came down in around 1:30 a.m. as many inside slept, witnesses said. Bulldozers roared into the neighborhood's narrow alleys after the collapse, removing chunks of cement, steel rods, scattered clothes and bloody bed sheets. Neighbors said workers looked for mattresses in the hope they'd find survivors nearby.

Mamdouh Abdel-Qader, the head of Cairo Civil Defense, said rescuers recovered 17 bodies from the collapse. The official MENA news agency said workers pulled eight residents out of the rubble alive. Neighbors said those still buried made desperate mobile phone calls, begging for help.

"A man with his daughter was calling me saying they are trapped in darkness," said a dust-covered Ali Abdel-Fattah Ali, a government employee who moonlights as a mechanic in a nearby car repair shop. "I tried to call back but there was no answer. I don't know what happened. His phone is still ringing."

Immediately after the collapse, Abeer Ismail, 25, called out the name of her mother-in-law, who lived on the second floor. Ismail said she had last visited the building on Sunday and could tell it was unsafe.

"You could see the steel rods popping out of the walls and cracks covered the walls," she said.

The son of the building's owner jumped off a balcony to escape the collapse, neighbors said. It's unclear who owns the building now as the owner died six months ago.

Officials and neighbors said that the building owner defied a court ruling issued five years ago and illegally built several extra floors atop the original four-story structure.

Abdel-Khaleq Abdel-Hadi, a resident who was in the building at the time of the collapse, accused local authorities of accepting bribes to hold off the execution of the court order.

"This is an extreme act of negligence by our government... where souls of people are worth nothing," Abdel-Khaleq Abdel-Hadi, resident of collapsed building, said.

On its website, the state-run Al-Ahram newspaper quoted Matariya council housing official Salah Galal as saying a total of 37 other area buildings were ordered to be removed for being illegally built since 2012. Galal denied his staff took any bribes, saying police are responsible for executing such orders.

2 female bombers stage Nigerian blast

By HARUNA UMAR
The Associated Press

BAUCHI, Nigeria — Two female suicide bombers blew themselves up Tuesday in a crowded market in Nigeria's northeastern city of Maiduguri, killing at least 30 people, according to witnesses and a security official.

The two teenage girls dressed in full hijabs entered the busy market and detonated their explosives, said Abba Aji Kalli, the Borno state coordinator of the Civilian Joint Task Force.

The first set off her explosives and killed about three women, Kalli said.

When others gathered around the scene, the second bomber screamed and blew herself up, killing about 30, he said.

"I am right here at the scene and I have before me 11 corpses ... many have been taken away by relatives, while others are taken to the state specialists' hospital," Kalli said.

Soldiers and police officers cordoned off the area while rescue workers helped survivors to the hospital. Nigeria's police have not yet issued a statement on Tuesday's blasts.

Nigeria's Islamic militant rebel group, Boko Haram, is suspected of the suicide blasts, as they have carried out many similar violent acts in northeastern Nigeria. More than 1,500 have died so far this year in the extremists' insurgency, which has been going on

for five years, according to Amnesty International.

Tuesday's blast is the first in Maiduguri since July 2 when 56 people were killed in the same market area when a car bomb hit a group of traders and shoppers.

Maiduguri is the provincial capital and largest city in Borno state, one of the three states in northeastern Nigeria that are under a state of emergency because of the extremist violence.

In April Boko Haram kidnapped more than 200 schoolgirls from Chibok, about 78 miles southwest of Maiduguri. The schoolgirls remain missing and their plight has aroused international concern and prompted the #BringBackOurGirls social media campaign.

Last month, on Oct. 17, the parents were encouraged when the Nigerian military announced a cease-fire with Boko Haram and said negotiations had begun for the release of the schoolgirls.

Those hopes were quickly dashed when Boko Haram fighters continued attacks and seized several cities and towns across the northeast. In a video statement, Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau denied the cease-fire and scoffed at claims of negotiations to release the schoolgirls.

Boko Haram still holds many centers in an area covering an estimated 7,700 square miles and has declared the area to be an Islamic caliphate.

Ship full of migrants crippled off Crete

ATHENS, Greece — A freighter crammed with hundreds of migrants trying to enter Europe illegally was drifting in high winds off the Mediterranean Sea island of Crete on Tuesday, and Greek authorities launched a rescue mission with five ships.

A coast guard statement said the 250-foot Baris cargo ship suffered engine failure some 30 nautical miles southeast of Crete.

Four merchant ships and a Greek navy frigate reached the area to evacuate the vessel, if

necessary. Authorities also were examining the possibility of towing the ship to safety.

The coast guard said an estimated 500 to 700 people are aboard the freighter — flying the flag of Kiribati, a small Pacific Ocean island — but their nationalities, port of departure and exact destination were not known.

On Sunday, 228 men, women and children were rescued from a crippled ship off Cyprus in the eastern Mediterranean. They told officials they were Syrian refugees and had been hoping to reach Italy.

From The Associated Press

French government suspends delivery of warships to Russia

By SYLVIE CORBET
AND LORI HINNANT
The Associated Press

PARIS — France suspended the planned delivery of two warships to Russia on Tuesday, after months of growing speculation about what would be the biggest arms sale ever by a NATO country to the Kremlin.

The French president's office announced the suspension "until

further notice" after growing pressure from allies to suspend the sale because of tensions between Russia and Ukraine.

The first of the two ships, the *Volodostok*, is docked at the French port city of Saint Nazaire, where about 400 Russian sailors have spent months training aboard the vessel.

The second ship, named the *Sevastopol*, after a port in the

Russia-annexed Crimean Peninsula, was slated for delivery next year and recently arrived at the Saint Nazaire docks for finishing touches.

Tuesday's statement, like a previous suspension of the delivery, stopped short of canceling the deal, suggesting the French government is reluctant give up on a contract worth more than \$1.2 billion and thousands of jobs at

a time of an economic slump in France.

The *Volodostok* can carry 700 troops, 16 helicopter gunships, and up to 50 armored vehicles.

Analysts have said the warships would give Russia an enhanced ability to move large numbers of troops and equipment, but were not game-changers for Moscow's military.

Russia's deputy defense minis-

ter told RIA Novosti news agency Tuesday that Moscow was not planning to take any immediate action against France for delaying the deal.

"We are satisfied; it is the French who are not satisfied, and we are going to patiently wait," said Yuriy Borisov. "Everything is spelled out in the contract, and we are going to act in accord to the contract like all civilized people."

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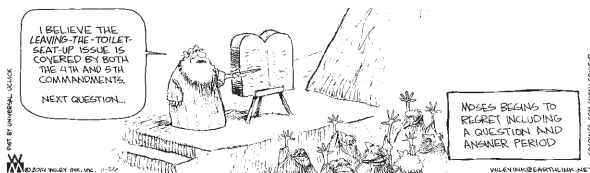
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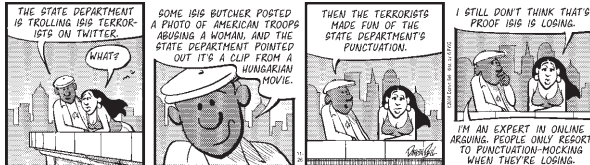
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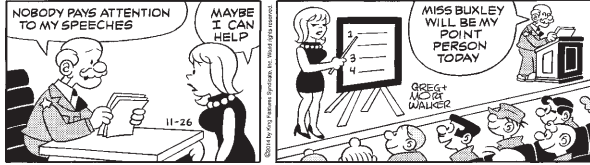
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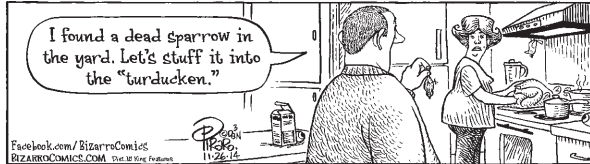
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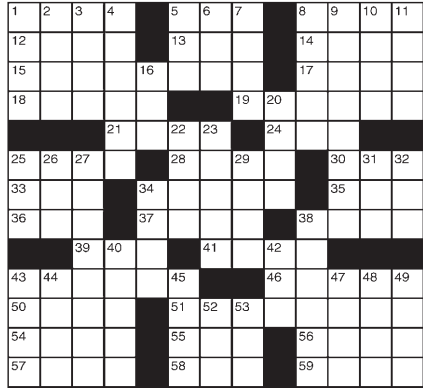
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 15 Stars and Stripes
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- 18 Thick and sticky
- 19 How a snail moves
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WIRED WORLD

Convenient, connected and covert

Are gadgets enabled by the Internet endangering our privacy?

By STEVE JOHNSON
San Jose Mercury News

It will help you avoid traffic jams as you travel from work to that hot new spot you've been dying to try out, tell you on the way about the bar's half-price deals and let you check your home video monitors while knocking back a few to see if your cat is clawing the couch again.

But it also might alert your insurer if your car is weaving when you head home and report your frequent drinking to your boss.

"It" is the Internet of Things, which promises to transform daily life, making it easier to work, travel, shop and stay healthy. Thanks to billions of connected devices — from smart toothbrushes and thermostats to commercial drones and robotic companions — it also will end up gathering vast amounts of data that could provide insights about our sexual habits, religious beliefs, political leanings and other highly personal aspects of our lives.

Just what happens to the data spewed out by all these interlinked machines is a deep concern shared by many security researchers, legal authorities, government officials and consumer advocates. They fear the information could be used to skew our credit ratings, jack up our insurance rates, help hackers steal our money, or enable spy agencies to compile detailed dossiers on each of us. Moreover, they

say, this vast sea of data could be misused to put a high-tech twist on the age-old curse of discrimination, with unscrupulous landlords or em-

ployers excluding people based on the data they've secretly acquired.

With devices from cars to refrigerators to coffee pots recording everything we do and transmitting the information to others, many people may find the technology unnerving.

"The idea that when I'm in my house or on my property or in my car, I'm somehow in a surveillance-free zone — no, it's not true," said Electronic Frontier Foundation attorney Lee Tien. "We're seeing just a tremendous explosion of surveillance."

Although people already reveal much about themselves through Internet searches and social media posts, that's nothing compared with the trove of personal data likely to be disclosed by the Internet of Things.

Some experts fear the data gathered and shared by all those computerized gadgets also could make it easier for the government to spy on U.S. citizens. Despite the Fourth Amendment's prohibition on unreasonable searches and laws that limit domestic snooping, civil rights groups claim that police and other government agencies in recent years have increased their monitoring of Americans in the name of national security. In a speech two years ago, former CIA Director David Petraeus pre-

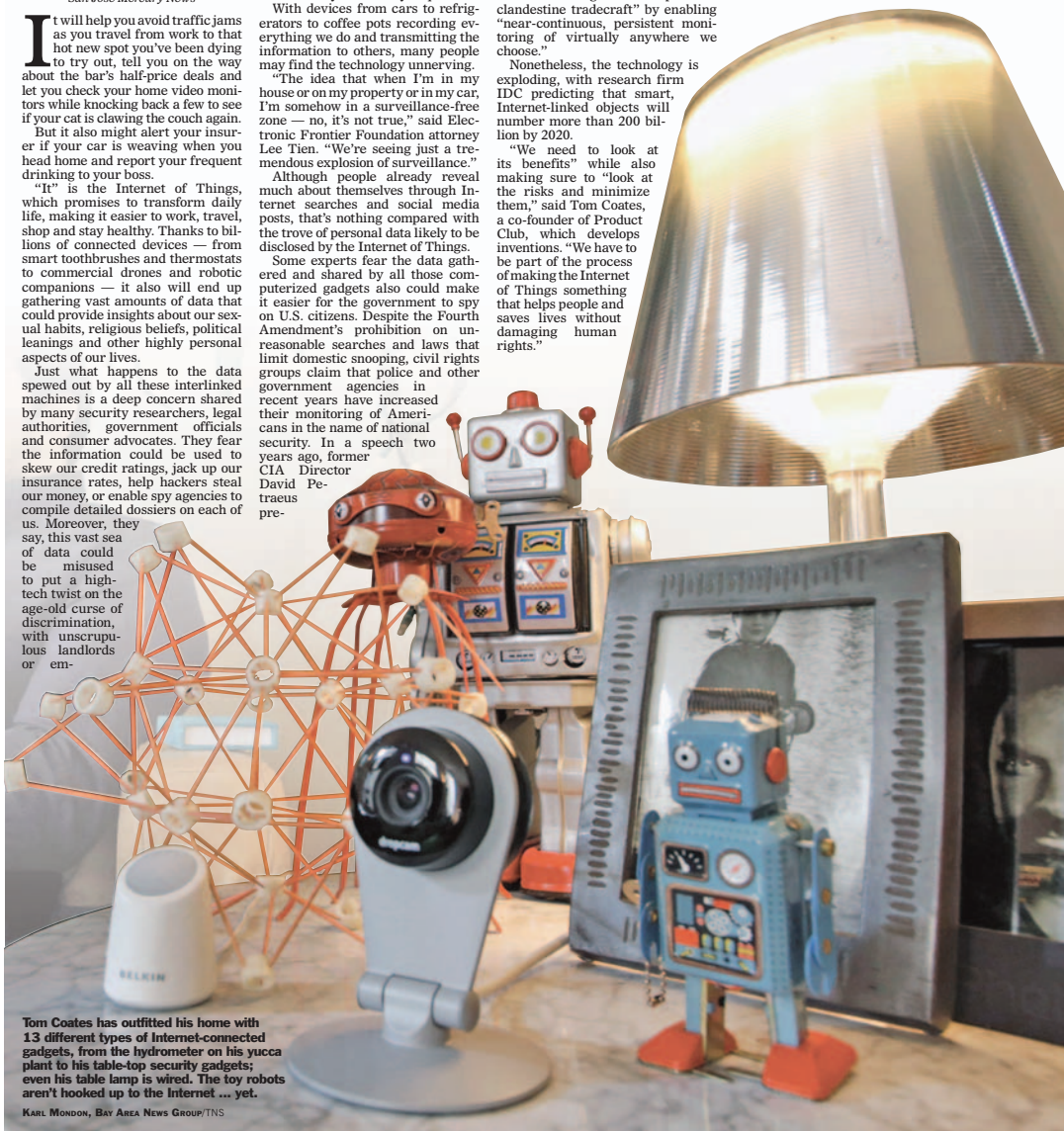
dicted that the Internet of Things could have a significant impact "on clandestine tradecraft" by enabling "near-continuous, persistent monitoring of virtually anywhere we choose."

Nonetheless, the technology is exploding, with research firm IDC predicting that smart, Internet-linked objects will number more than 200 billion by 2020.

"We need to look at its benefits" while also making sure to "look at the risks and minimize them," said Tom Coates, a co-founder of Product Club, which develops inventions. "We have to be part of the process of making the Internet of Things something that helps people and saves lives without damaging human rights."

Tom Coates has outfitted his home with 13 different types of Internet-connected gadgets, from the hydrometer on his yucca plant to his table-top security gadgets; even his table lamp is wired. The toy robots aren't hooked up to the Internet ... yet.

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FACES

Carell takes a risk with dramatic film role

By JAKE COYLE
The Associated Press

Long before Steve Carell was showered in acclaim for his startling transformation into John du Pont for the true-crime drama "Foxcatcher," he was walking home from the set, commiserating with co-star Mark Ruffalo.

"We both looked at each other really in agreement that the whole thing was crazy and what we were doing was so far out there," Carell recalled in a recent interview. "We both felt we were taking huge swings."

You, too, might be a tad nervous about how you'd come off if you were — like Carell — fitted with a prosthetic nose, covered in three hours' worth of makeup, and asked to portray, with somber severity, an increasingly psychotic, chemical empire heir with both a raging mother complex and a proclivity for sweatpants.

Bennett Miller's "Foxcatcher," in which du Pont tragically befriends Olympic wrestler brothers Mark (Channing Tatum) and Dave (Ruffalo) Schultz, certainly had the potential of failing to pin down its stranger-than-fiction tale, and leave Carell flopping on the mat.

"We weren't going to go halfway with it. That would have ended up being nothing," Carell says. "We both felt very vulnerable, that it could

“I didn't want to work at convincing people that I could do this. I just wanted to play the guy and try to do the best representation of this human being that I could.”

potentially be the worst thing we'd ever done or the best, but there was little in between."

The needle has clearly swung to best. Carell's performance has been hailed as one of the most extraordinary of the year, one immediately inducted into the rich history of comedic actors veering into dramatic territory. Carell, named the most outstanding performer of the year by the Santa Barbara International Film Festival, is considered a shoo-in for a best actor nomination.

"It's definitely darker than most anything I've ever done," Carell said.

Miller, the director of "Capote" and "Moneyball," was attracted to the idea of casting du Pont — who was convicted of murdering Dave Schultz on his family's 800-acre Foxcatcher estate in Pennsylvania in 1996 — with not an overtly villainous actor. Instead, he was drawn to Carell for his unthreatening demeanor and reputation.

"I did believe in my heart that if it could work with Steve, that that would be the best for the film," says

Miller. "I couldn't imagine something working better than if that could work. I did have glimpses of it in just talking to Steve about the character and hearing his commitment to do it."

Since Carell's big-screen breakthrough in "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," the 52-year-old Second City alum has regularly mixed comedy and drama in films like "Little Miss Sunshine," "Dan in Real Life" and "The Way, Way Back." But the considerable step Carell takes into darker terrain in "Foxcatcher" wasn't premeditated, the former "Office" star says.

"I didn't want to work at convincing people that I could do this," says Carell. "I just wanted to play the guy and try to do the best representation of this human being that I could. I didn't want to add sense, 'Oh, I hope people buy me in it' because people haven't necessarily seen me do this type of thing before. So I had to get past that and just do it."

Doughy, balding and speaking with a halting, presumptuous air, Carell is nearly unrecognizable as the removed-from-reality du Pont, who in the film is a symbol of the unchecked power of wealth and patriotism run amok.

Carell's old "Daily Show" boss, Jon Stewart, says his former correspondent's gift for fleshing out a character was the same in a sketch: "He would find moments in it that you didn't know were there."

The film has clearly emboldened Carell.

"I don't want to play it safe going forward," he says. "I would rather do things that are interesting and are possibly a little bit dangerous and maybe unexpected, and maybe things that are a little bit out of my comfort zone."

Steve Carell portrays John du Pont, a millionaire convicted of third-degree murder in the death of Olympic champion freestyle wrestler Dave Schultz, in the film "Foxcatcher."

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'Wizard of Oz' Cowardly Lion costume fetches \$3M

From wire reports

The Cowardly Lion costume from the classic film "The Wizard of Oz" and the piano from the movie "Casablanca" each sold for more than \$3 million at a New York City auction.

They were among Hollywood memorabilia offered at Bonhams on Monday.

The big cat outfit, which went for just over \$3 million, had been authenticated as the one Bert Lahr wore in the 1939 film. Its face is a sculpted likeness of the late actor.

A spokesman for costume owner James Comisar says a secondary costume used in the film sold at auction in recent years for close to \$1 million. Comisar has a trove of TV memorabilia from

shows including "I Love Lucy" and "Lost." He has said he plans to use money from the Cowardly Lion costume sale to exhibit his collection.

The upright "Casablanca" piano fetched \$3.4 million.

Menzel plans world concert tour for 2015

Singer Idina Menzel will step away from Broadway stages and sound booths of Hollywood animation studios to undertake a global concert tour next year, starting July 7 in Richmond, Va., and culminating at the Hollywood Bowl on Oct. 3.

Using the springboard of her runaway hit performance as the voice of "Let It Go" from Disney's hit film and soundtrack "Frozen,"

Menzel is mounting a show that will feature songs she sang as the character Elsa in "Frozen" as well as selections from several Broadway shows in which she has appeared, including "Wicked," "Rent" and the show she's currently starring in, "If/Then."

With the success of "Let It Go," Menzel became the first Tony Award winner to score a No. 1 hit on Billboard's Hot 100 pop singles chart. She's also just released her first album of seasonal music, "Christmas Wishes," which entered Billboard's Holiday Albums chart at No. 1.

Other news

■ The Queen of Soul says don't waste your money — or soul — on the recently released un-

authorized biography about her. In a statement, Aretha Franklin called David Ritz's "Respect: The Life of Aretha Franklin," a "trashy book." The two have a history of collaborating: Franklin and award-winning Ritz worked together on her 1999 biography, "Aretha: From These Roots." He also won a Grammy Award for best album notes for his work on Franklin's 1992 box set, "Queen of Soul: The Atlantic Recordings."

■ A guitarist in Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Leon Russell's band says San Antonio, police are investigating the theft of about \$4,000 worth of instruments from the group's tour bus. Guitarist Beau Charron says the theft occurred early Sunday as the band slept on the bus, which was parked in front of the theater.



RICHARD DREWE/AP

Bert Lahr's Cowardly Lion costume from "The Wizard of Oz" was part of the "There's No Place Like Hollywood" movie memorabilia auction at Bonhams auction house in New York.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Stolen guns Facebook post leads to arrest

NM ALBUQUERQUE — A New Mexico man is facing larceny charges after Albuquerque police say he posted Facebook photos of stolen guns from an unsolved burglary.

KOB-TV reported that Christopher Banegas was arrested and charged in connection with a September 2013 heist. According to police, firearms were stolen from an Albuquerque home but authorities had no leads in the case.

Police said the victim recently saw a picture of his stolen guns on Banegas' Facebook page. The victim was a friend of Banegas and told police he didn't check his Facebook page because he didn't suspect him.

Banegas is facing charges of aggravated burglary, larceny of a firearm and tampering with evidence.

Zoo elephant about to deliver after 2 years

OK OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma City Zoo says an elephant that has been pregnant for nearly two years is close to her delivery date.

Workers have been practicing for several months on how they hope to help Asha, who should give birth by the end of the year.

Veterinarians have been tracking Asha's hormone levels daily, seeking a signal for when labor might start. Elephant supervisor Nick Newby expects Asha to give birth before 2015.

Nearly four years ago, Asha gave birth to an elephant named Malee, giving Newby and other members of his staff experience.

Turkey hunt back for first time in 3 decades

UT SALT LAKE CITY — A wild turkey hunt is back on in Utah for the first time in three decades.

The Division of Wildlife Resources is allowing the fall hunt as they estimate the state's wild turkey population has swelled to more than 20,000. The Salt Lake Tribune reported that nearly 300 hunters have received permits.

There's debate about whether turkeys are native to the state. Wildlife officials say it appears the Merriam's subspecies is native to southeastern Utah. Others believe turkeys might have been traded and weren't native.

There isn't evidence of turkeys in the area when pioneers arrived in Utah.

The first turkey hunt in the state was held in 1967. The fall hunt was eliminated in 1984.

Late-night explosion outside home injures 1

MS ETHEL — The Atlanta County Sheriff's Department is investigating an explosion that injured one man.

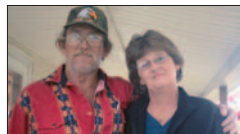
Sheriff Tim Nail said the explosion happened late Sunday outside a home about 4 miles north of Ethel.

Nail said Shawn Manning was working on some type of device

THE CENSUS

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The number of years a brother and sister were separated before they reunited for the first time this month. Donnie Moore and his sister, Donna Brunty, rejoiced when they saw one another for the first time. When the Moores' parents divorced in 1963, Donnie was taken to live with his father in Dyersburg, Tenn., at age 2; Donna went with her mother to Tampa, Fla. She was 2 months old. "Basically, it was an ugly divorce, and I've been trying to find (Donna) for over 35 years," Donnie Moore said. Celebrating their reunion, the Moores immediately decided not to get caught up in trying to sort out the past but to simply enjoy the moment.



RICK BOWMER/AP

On board for opening day

A man snowboards at Brighton Ski Resort on opening day of the winter season in Big Cottonwood Canyon in Brighton, Utah, east of Salt Lake City, on Thursday.

when it exploded. The sheriff wouldn't identify the device.

Nail said Manning was airlifted to University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. He said Manning's injuries appeared to be not life-threatening. A hospital spokesman said Manning's name did not appear on the public registry of patients.

Nail said several agencies, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, are investigating the explosion.

Teller arrested for stealing from patrons

CA HUNTINGTON BEACH — Orange County authorities said a bank teller was arrested on suspicion of stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from elderly bank customers.

The Orange County Register reported Sunday that Jake Chih Wei Cheng, 23, could face charges including embezzlement and money laundering.

The arrest Friday occurred about a year after Huntington Beach detectives began investigating.

An elderly man told police he was defrauded of almost \$200,000 by a teller who befriended him at a Huntington Beach Wells Fargo bank branch.

Investigators said Cheng is suspected of forging temporary checks from the victim's account over the course of a year.

Investigators also suspect he took more than \$40,000 from another person's account after being transferred to a San Clemente branch.

Woman locked out of home, then locked up

IA IOWA CITY — Police said an Iowa woman who was locked out of her apartment was locked up after officers who helped her regain entry found pot plants and drug paraphernalia inside.

Iowa City police said Jailin

Turner, 19, is charged with possession of a controlled substance and other crimes.

The Iowa City Press-Citizen reported that the officers were sent to investigate a report early Friday morning about a woman yelling and banging on an apartment window. She told them she'd lost her keys.

The officers said in the complaint that when firefighters broke into the apartment, two bongos were in plain view. Officials also said they found a scale, potted marijuana plants and grow lights.

Woman arrested for aggravated battery

IL DECATUR — A central Illinois woman is accused of hitting a woman on the head with a nail-bearing board during a dispute.

The Decatur Herald & Review reported that Mary Kilcrease, 36, of Decatur, was arrested before dawn Thursday on a charge of aggravated battery.

The newspaper said Kilcrease is serving two years of probation after pleading guilty in August to an aggravated battery count related to an incident last December in which she stabbed the same woman in the face.

Family rescues dog with jug stuck on its head

TX HOUSTON — That's one lucky Bucky.

A Houston-area family has rescued a stray puppy who for weeks was seen around their property with a plastic jug stuck on his head.

KPRC-TV reported that Audra Bohannon planned to take the pup to a veterinarian to see if the German shepherd mix has an identifying microchip.

The jug, open on both ends, was part of a pet feeder in the woman's barn. Bohannon believes the dog they call Bucky, short for bucket, got stuck while seeking food.

From wire reports

NATION

Google steadies the hand that feeds you

By MARTHA MENDOZA
The Associated Press

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — Just in time for the holidays, Google is throwing its money, brain power and technology at the humble spoon.

Of course these spoons (don't call them spooles) are a bit more than your basic utensil: Using hundreds of algorithms, they allow people with essential tremors and Parkinson's disease to eat without spilling.

The technology senses how a hand is shaking and makes instant adjustments to stay balanced. In clinical trials, the Liftware spoons reduced shaking of the spoon bowl by an average of 76 percent.

"We want to help people in their daily lives today and, hopefully, increase understanding of disease in the long run," said Google spokesperson Katelin Jabbari.

Other adaptive devices have been developed to help people with tremors — rocker knives, weighted utensils, pen grips — but until now, experts say, technology has not been used in this way.

"It's totally novel," said UC San

Francisco Medical Center neurologist Dr. Jill Ostrem, who specializes in movement disorders like Parkinson's disease and essential tremors.

She helped advise the inventors, and says the device has been a remarkable asset for some of her patients.

"I have some patients who couldn't eat independently, they had to be fed, and now they can eat on their own," she said. "It doesn't cure the disease, they still have tremor, but it's a very positive change."

Google got into the no-shake utensil business in September, acquiring a small, National Institutes of Health-funded startup called Lift Labs for an undisclosed sum.

More than 10 million people worldwide, including Google co-founder Sergey Brin's mother, have essential tremors or Parkinson's disease. Brin has said he also has a mutation associated with higher rates of Parkinson's and has donated more than \$50 million to research for a cure, although Jabbari said the Lift Labs acquisition was not related.



ERIC RISBERG/AP

Shirin Vala, 65, who is an essential tremor patient, uses a Liftware Spoon to eat in Oakland, Calif. Google is bringing a unique improvement to the spoon to sense a shaking hand and make instant adjustments to keep the spoon balanced.

Lift Lab founder Anupam Pathak said moving from a small, four-person startup in San Francisco to the vast Google campus in Mountain View has freed him up to be more creative as he explores how to apply the technology even more broadly.

His team works at the search giant's division called Google(x)

Life Sciences, which is also developing a smart contact lens that measures glucose levels in tears for diabetics and is researching how nanoparticles in blood might help detect diseases.

Shirin Vala, 65, of Oakland, has had an essential tremor for about a decade. She was at her monthly Essential Tremor group at a San

Ramon medical clinic earlier this year when researchers developing the device introduced the idea and asked if anyone was interested in helping them.

Without the spoon, Vala said eating was really a challenge because her hands trembled so hard food fell off the utensils before she could eat it.

Soon, more menus to include calorie lists

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Whether they want to or not, consumers will soon know how many calories they are eating when ordering off the menu at chain restaurants, picking up prepared foods at supermarkets and even eating a tub of popcorn at the movie theater.

The Food and Drug Administration planned to announce long-delayed calorie labeling rules on Tuesday, requiring establishments that sell prepared foods and have 20 or more locations to post the calorie content of food "clearly and conspicuously" on their menus. Companies will have until November 2015 to comply.

The regulations will also apply to convenience stores, bakeries, coffee shops, amusement parks and vending machines.

The idea is that people may pass on that bacon double cheeseburger if they know it has hundreds of calories — and, in turn, restaurants may make their foods healthier to keep calorie counts down. Beverages are included in the rules, and alcohol will be labeled if drinks are listed on the menu.

"Americans eat and drink about one-third of their calories away from home and people today expect clear information about the products they consume," FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg said. The effort is just one way Americans can combat obe-

sity, she added.

The menus and menu boards will tell diners that a 2,000-calorie diet is used as the basis for daily nutrition, noting that individual calorie needs may vary. Additional nutritional information beyond calories, including sodium, fats, sugar and other items, must be available upon request.

The rules deal a blow to the grocery and convenience store industries, which have lobbied hard to be left out since the menu labels became law in 2010 as a part of the health care overhaul.

The law came together when the restaurant industry agreed to the labeling in an effort to dodge a growing patchwork of city and state rules. But supermarkets, convenience stores and many other retailers that sell prepared food said they wanted no part of it. The restaurant industry pushed to include those outlets, as they have increasingly offered restaurant-like service.

The FDA issued proposed rules in 2011 that included supermarkets and convenience stores but excluded movie theaters. The final rules that were to be released Tuesday include all of them.

To assuage some of the concerns in the final rules, the FDA excluded prepared foods that are typically intended for more than one person to eat and require more preparation, like deli meats, cheeses or bulk deli salads.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Retailers offer speedy holiday delivery

By MAE ANDERSON
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A procrastinator's holiday wish come true: Presents ordered at the last minute can now show up under the Christmas tree that same day.

Amazon, Target Corp., Macy's and other retailers are offering speedier delivery, including overnight and same-day options that will continue even past the holidays.

The focus on faster shipping is one way retailers are catering to shoppers who've become increasingly finicky and impatient. Since the recession, it's not enough to get lower prices; they want the deepest discounts. And when it comes to ordering online, orders need to be shipped fast.

"I'll pay extra to get something right away," said Wendy Connors, 47, a mother of three who lives in Menlo Park, Calif.

Quick delivery is important for retailers as they head into the winter holiday shopping season, a

\$61B

The amount U.S. shoppers are expected to spend online in November and December, according to research firm ComScore, an increase of 16 percent over last year.

time when they can make up to 40 percent of their annual sales. U.S. shoppers are expected to spend \$61 billion online in November and December, according to research firm ComScore.

Retailers don't want to overpromise on shipping offers. They can't afford a repeat of last year, when UPS Inc. and FedEx Corp. failed to deliver some packages by Christmas due to a combination of poor weather and overloaded systems, causing angry customers.

Forrester Research analyst Sucharita Mulpuru fears that the

industry could be ill-prepared for the influx of online ordering again this year. She pointed out that the growth UPS and FedEx are forecasting this season is below growth estimates for online spending by the retail industry.

UPS forecasts it will deliver \$85 million packages in December, an 11 percent increase over 2013, and FedEx expects to deliver 290 million packages, an 8.8 percent increase from last year. But ComScore expects online spending will grow 16 percent to \$61 billion.

It's not a direct apples-to-apples comparison, Mulpuru conceded, but the difference in estimates is a percentage growth could spell trouble for shippers and retailers this holiday.

"I don't know if there's enough bandwidth ... to accommodate full demand," she said.

Retailers are hoping that speedier delivery options will help spread out shipments through the season so there's not a big crunch toward the end like there was last

year. Amazon expanded its Sunday delivery service, adding more than 10 distribution centers and 15 smaller sorting centers that sort packages by ZIP code and transport them to U.S. Postal Service offices. It also expanded same-day delivery — available for \$5.99 per order to members of its \$99 annual Prime loyalty program — to more cities. In August it expanded from four to 12 cities on the East and West coasts.

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EXCHANGE RATES	
Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 26)	\$1.2758
Dollar buys (Nov. 26)	€0.7838
British pound (Nov. 26)	\$1.61
Japanese yen (Nov. 26)	¥115.00
South Korean won (Nov. 26)	₩1,085.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.5698
Canada (dollar)	1.1299
China (Yuan)	6.1417
Denmark (Krone)	5.9815
Euro (Pound)	1.7525
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.2437/0.8041
Hungary (Forint)	245.81
Israel (Shekel)	3.8592
Japan (Yen)	118.29
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2915
Norway (Krone)	6.7770
Philippines (Peso)	45.30
Poland (Zloty)	3.38
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7518
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3032
South Korea (Won)	1,114.50
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9668
Taiwan (Baht)	32.84
Turkey (Lira)	2.2311
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INTEREST RATES	
Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.75
Federal funds market rate	0.101
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	3.02

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Wednesday's US temperatures											
City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Texas	62	38	Cldy	Chattanooga	52	36	Pcdly	Fort Wayne	36	23	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	37	25	Cldy	Cheyenne	52	27	Cir	Fresno	67	45	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	36	31	Snow	Chicago	35	22	Cldy	Goodland	46	28	Pcdly
Albuquerque	56	32	Cir	Cincinnati	41	26	Pcdly	Grand Junction	32	24	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	38	37	Snow	Cleveland	35	26	Cldy	Grand Rapids	32	24	Cldy
Amarillo	59	28	Cir	Colorado Springs	57	30	Pcdly	Great Falls	38	24	Snow
Anchorage	29	22	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	51	44	Rain	Green Bay	29	12	Cldy
Asheville	44	33	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	55	40	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	42	38	Rain
Atlanta	52	40	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	39	27	Pcdly	Harrisburg	37	35	Snow
Atlantic City	41	40	Rain	Concord, N.H.	36	33	Snow	Hartford Spgld.	46	30	Snow
Austin	58	38	Snow	Corpus Christi	71	42	Cir	Helena	46	30	Cldy
Baltimore	40	39	Snow	Dallas-Ft. Worth	65	41	Cir	Honolulu	83	68	Pcdly
Baton Rouge	65	37	Snow	Dayton	37	23	Pcdly	Houston	69	41	Cir
Bilings	36	27	Snow	Daytona Beach	66	57	Rain	Huntsville	54	32	Pcdly
Birmingham	56	36	Cir	Denver	53	28	Pcdly	Indianapolis	38	23	Cldy
Bismarck	16	11	Cldy	Des Moines	36	28	Cldy	Jackson, Miss.	62	35	Cir
Boise	49	37	Cir	Detroit	53	25	Cldy	Jacksonville	60	51	Cldy
Boston	40	38	Snow	Duluth	31	14	Rain	Janeau	46	34	Cldy
Boulder	38	38	Snow	El Paso	59	28	Cir	Kansas City	40	30	Cldy
Brownsville	74	45	Cir	Elk River	37	29	Cldy	Key West	50	35	Cldy
Buffalo	35	30	Cldy	Erie	37	29	Cldy	Knoxville	50	35	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	35	28	Cldy	Eugene	55	45	Cldy	Las Vegas	70	45	Cir
Caribou, Maine	35	28	Cldy	Evansville	43	25	Cldy	Las Vegas	70	45	Cir
Casper, Wyo.	44	24	Pcdly	Fairbanks	7	-2	Cir	Little Rock	59	34	Pcdly
Charleston, S.C.	55	48	Rain	Fargo	13	10	Cldy	Lincoln	39	31	Cldy
Charlotte, N.C.	44	34	Cldy	Flagstaff	55	25	Cir	Little Rock	59	34	Pcdly
				Flint	32	21	Cldy	Los Angeles	86	56	Cir
				Fort Smith	58	34	Pcdly				

National temperature extremes
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OPINION

Money won't fix DOD's nuke woes

Bloomberg News

The shenanigans that have been going on at U.S. nuclear bases are almost too clownish to believe: officers running a drug ring across six facilities, widespread cheating on monthly proficiency tests, blast doors on missile silos too rusty to properly seal, six nuclear-armed missiles accidentally loaded onto a plane that then flew across the country, and a curious sort of crews at three bases FedExing one another an apparently magical wrench used to connect warheads to intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Given such blatant management problems, it's also hard to swallow Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel's demand that the nuclear program get a \$1.5 billion funding boost. Rather than pad budgets, the defense secretary should bring the nuclear program up to snuff, in part by scaling it down to best meet the security needs the U.S. faces today.

The principal strategy behind the existing nuclear program is deterrence. But what makes for effective deterrence has changed since the end of the Cold War. No longer does it make sense to keep an enormous arsenal of intercontinental ballistic missiles, with their powerful warheads capable of blowing up cities. The chances that the United States would ever use these doomsday weapons are so negligible that it has little deterrent effect on such threats as a nuclear-armed Iran or North Korea, or even a resurgent Russian superpower. Smaller "tactical" weapons, such as a



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

A warhead-containing nose cone of an inert Minuteman 3 missile is seen in a training launch tube at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., in June.

plane-carried bomb with a variable-yield warhead (it can be "dialed down" to a small blast size), are not just better suited to taking out an enemy nuclear-weapon delivery system, but they also are a far more believable threat, because they would cause far less collateral damage than an ICBM.

So rather than repair every one of those rusty silo doors and spend billions to maintain 450 nuclear-armed land-based missiles, as the Pentagon has proposed, the

service should scale back to fewer than 100. And instead of developing a new generation of ICBMs, it should focus on extending the life of the current Minuteman III missiles.

The other two legs of the U.S. nuclear triad — air- and sea-based weapons — don't require such radical cuts. But the existing fleet of 14 Ohio-class submarines, each capable of carrying 24 Trident II missiles, could be pared by two or three without sacrificing capability. The Navy should also consider scaling back its request for 12 next-generation subs, expected to cost a cumulative \$100 billion.

The Pentagon could also slow the pace by slowing development of the Long-Range Strike Bomber, meant to replace the B-2 stealth craft sometime in the 2020s at a potential cost of more than \$50 billion. Some of the savings could go toward maintaining the B-2 and the Air Force's 90 or so remaining B-52s, still the workhorse of the skies after 60 years in service.

One other much-discussed money-saving step, however, would be shortsighted: removing the 180 or so B61 tactical bombs now deployed at airfields in Europe. They should be kept in place and modernized — in part to remind Russian President Vladimir Putin that the U.S. still has Europe's back.

It's hard to put an exact price tag on the savings such changes would achieve. But a less ambitious plan by Republican Sen. Tom Coburn, which envisioned keeping 300 ICBMs, had projected savings of \$7.3 billion over a decade. That would pay for a whole bunch of new magic wenchies.

Obama steps away from Powell Doctrine

By DOYLE MCMAUS

Los Angeles Times

We're three months into our newest war, the one against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, and nobody's happy with how it's going.

Hawks complain that President Barack Obama isn't committing enough military force to win. Doves, noting that Obama just doubled the number of U.S. troops in Iraq, worry that the conflict will become the kind of slippery slope that drew us into quagmires such as Vietnam. Critics on both sides charge that the administration has no clear strategy for success.

There's an element of truth in all those critiques, but they all miss the point.

What has so many people perplexed, I think, is that in Iraq, Obama has — without announcing it — broken with a principle that has dominated U.S. military thinking for nearly a quarter of a century: the Powell Doctrine.

The Powell Doctrine is a set of war principles laid out by Gen. Colin L. Powell when he was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the 1990s. Among other things, Powell felt that the United States should no longer fight the kind of "limited war" it had tried to fight in Vietnam. If the United States went to war again, he advised, it should use all the military power at its command to win as quickly and decisively as possible.

That was the thinking that guided the first Gulf War in 1991, the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003, and even — in different forms — the long counterinsurgency wars in Afghanistan and Iraq that followed. Every element of American military power was thrown into the fight, including tens of thousands of U.S. troops on the ground.

Not so in the fight against the Islamic State — even though Obama and his aides have described the group as a direct threat to U.S. citizens and U.S. interests.

This time, the president has drawn a line to limit what American troops in Iraq will do. They can advise, assist and train Iraqi forces, but they will not participate in ground combat.

Last week, asked if there were circumstances under which he would send U.S. troops into ground combat, Obama said, "If we discovered that (the Islamic State) had gotten possession of a nuclear weapon, and we had to run an operation to get it out of their hands, then yes." Otherwise, no.

Even more striking, officials say the United States has held back some aid from the Iraqi government, its most important ally in the fight against the militant group, to make sure Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi delivers on his promises to build a more inclusive regime — specifically one that offers more to Sunni Arabs, whose grievances opened the way to the Islamic State's rise.

Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, explained the idea in a congressional hearing this month — and said the Powell Doctrine of maximum available force wasn't suited to a situation like the one posed by the Islamic State.

"I just don't see it in our interest to take this fight on ourselves with a large military contingent," Dempsey said. Too much U.S. force, he warned, could "generate antibodies within the population that could actually be counterproductive to what you're trying to achieve." Besides, he added, the United States has been there before. "This is my third shot at Iraq," Dempsey said last night, noting he served in both earlier wars.

This time, he said, instead of "taking ownership" of the war, the United States

wants to make sure ownership stays with the Iraqis, "and then hold them accountable for the outcomes."

That's how Obama hopes to avoid a slippery slope: by drawing a firm limit to U.S. involvement. The limit isn't the number of troops in Iraq, which is growing from about 1,600 to about 3,100. It's in the prohibition against ground combat and in the insistence that aid will flow only as long as the Iraqi government pulls its weight, including allowing U.S. training and aid to Sunni tribes that volunteer to fight the Islamic State.

What are the risks of ignoring the Powell Doctrine and launching this new experiment in limited war?

One is that the conflict will last longer. Obama has warned that the fight against the Islamic State, which has no more than 18,000 hard-core members, will last a long time. Dempsey has estimated it will take three to four years, about the same amount of time as the U.S. spent in World War II.

The other risk is that limiting U.S. involvement — even as firm a limit as Obama has imposed so far — is no guarantee against future pressure to take another step down the slippery slope.

In wars, unexpected things happen, and planning has to be nimble. As Dempsey acknowledged acerbically last week, "Yes, we have a strategy. ... But here's what I'll tell you about that strategy: It's going to change. It's going to change often."

And if the conflict drags on long enough, we will have a new president in office, facing the same pressure to do more. Every politician who's thinking about running for president right now should be praying earnestly that Obama's Plan A works.

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OPINION

Hagel's exit no cure for US foreign policy malaise

By MAX BOOT

It is a time-honored tradition in American politics: Whenever the president turns unpopular, he fires someone and brings in a tried and tested veteran to clean house. Thus in 1987, in the middle of the Iran-Contra affair, out went Donald Regan as Ronald Reagan's White House chief of staff, to be replaced by steady old hand Howard Baker. In 1994, after Bill Clinton had stumbled on issues including gays in the military and health care, out went Mack McLarty as White House chief of staff, to be replaced by steady old hand Leon E. Panetta. In 2006, after the disasters of the Iraq War and the loss of the Senate to Democrats, out went Donald H. Rumsfeld as George W. Bush's defense secretary, to be replaced by steady old hand Robert M. Gates.

At a superficial level, President Barack Obama's firing of Chuck Hagel as defense secretary conforms to this pattern. With 54 percent of the public disapproving of the president's foreign policy, which has produced disasters in Iraq, Syria and Ukraine, among other places, someone had to pay the price. The problem is not that Hagel shouldn't have been fired — he was pretty much a nonentity as defense secretary. The problem is that firing him is not going to change much, if anything.

Indeed, the reason he was jettisoned is precisely because he had so little influence on real decision-making, which is tightly controlled by a small coterie of White House aides such as national security advisor Susan Rice, White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough, deputy national security advisors Ben Rhodes and Tony Blinken and senior advisor Valerie Jarrett. That crew is responsible for steering the Good Ship Obama onto the rocks, but because they are so close and then finished off the teenager outside with several shots while Brown was retreating with his hands up.

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SUSAN WALSH/AP

President Barack Obama shakes hands with Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel after announcing Hagel's resignation at the White House on Monday.

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Even when there were strong defense secretaries in charge, they found themselves endlessly frustrated by their dealings with imperious White House aides who mistook themselves for field marshals. Just read the memoirs of Bob Gates and Leon Panetta. Gates, for example, complained that the White House staff had "a presence and a role in national security decision making that I had not previously experienced." That extended to White House staffers directly calling field commanders — an action that "would have been unthinkable when I worked at the White House," Gates wrote, "and probably

cause for dismissal."

No doubt Hagel was similarly disturbed by White House intrusions but, ever the dutiful NCO, he has so far largely kept his dissatisfactions to himself. On those few occasions when he expressed candid thoughts, however, the White House hammered him for insubordination. For example, this year, while Obama was foolishly deriding Islamic State as the "JV team," Hagel called it an "imminent threat ... beyond anything we've seen." White House aides leaked word that comments were "unhelpful," even though (or because?) they were undeniably true. The White House no doubt also didn't appreciate a memo that Hagel sent in recently

questioning the "overall Syria policy" even though that policy is plainly incoherent — Obama is allowing President Bashar Assad to continue the terrorist bombing of areas held by the Free Syrian Army, the forces that the White House is counting on to fight Islamic State.

By all means, Obama should appoint a stronger and more independent defense secretary, especially one who, unlike Hagel, will fight strongly to reverse budget cuts (amounting to \$1 trillion over 10 years) that will cripple U.S. military capabilities even as the world situation turns more dangerous. But that will not fix the fundamental problem, which is in the White House — and not just with the president's aides.

Ultimately the buck stops at the Oval Office, not at the Pentagon. Obama has to take ownership of the disaster that is his foreign policy and make dramatic changes. Here are a few ideas: Announce that U.S. troops won't be leaving Afghanistan at the end of 2016 as currently scheduled. Provide arms to enable the Ukrainians to defend themselves against Russian aggression. Enforce a no-fly zone over Syria to stop Assad's air force from killing more civilians. Step up airstrikes against the Islamic State (currently running at one-tenth the level of the airstrikes against the Taliban in fall 2001). Suspend the Iran nuclear talks, which have now dragged on for more than a year, and announce that Iran will face crippling sanctions and possible airstrikes if it doesn't stop building a nuclear weapon. Call Congress to suspend sequestration and fully fund the military.

Only such dramatic steps can fix the malaise that has overtaken American foreign policy. Firing Hagel, however justified, is of little consequence compared with the policy overhaul that Obama needs to institute.

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Ferguson grand jury decision deserves deference

USA Today editorial

From the very beginning, there were two wildly different accounts of what happened Aug. 9 when white officer Darren Wilson shot and killed unarmed black teenager Michael Brown on a street in Ferguson, Mo., triggering violent protests and a national examination of police tactics.

In one version, Wilson drove up and harassed Brown for walking in the middle of the street, hit him with his vehicle door, shot him for no reason and then finished off the teenager outside with several shots while Brown was retreating with his hands up.

In the other version, the 18-year-old Brown reached inside the officer's vehicle, hit Wilson in the face and tried to grab his gun. In fear for his life, Wilson began shooting at Brown from inside the vehicle and fired the fatal shots outside as the 6-foot-5-inch, 289-pound teenager tried to charge him.

Which of the dueling narratives was closer to the truth? Unlike everyone else with an opinion, the grand jury that considered the case for 3½ months heard testimony from numerous eyewitnesses and saw the forensic evidence. For that reason alone, the panel's decision Monday not to indict Wilson deserves to be met with great deference, not with violence or the sort of vandalism that greeted the poorly timed

after-dark announcement.

Grand juries are traditionally secret proceedings, so it's not surprising that many people who haven't seen what the grand jurors did are suspicious and angry. In a rare and welcome departure from tradition, St. Louis county prosecutor Robert McCulloch walked through a condensed version of the evidence in a news conference Monday night and promised to release a complete account of what the grand jurors heard and saw. Those who doubt the grand jurors' decision will have a chance to weigh the evidence themselves, which will go a long way to validating the decision, or not.

Indicting Wilson was always going to be difficult, because police officers traditionally get wide latitude when they kill in the line of duty. A 1985 Supreme Court decision gave a green light to officers to use deadly force when they reasonably believe their own lives or the lives of others are threatened, and Missouri state law is even more permissive.

That said, police are also trained, quite rightly, to use deadly force as a last resort. They are encouraged to de-escalate dangerous situations when possible, not to shoot down unarmed civilians. After listening to McCulloch detail what happened in the encounter, including a black witness who said Brown made a "full charge" at Wilson, the grand jury's conclusions ap-

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pear reasonable. But obvious questions linger: Were 12 shots necessary? Was there some other, nonlethal way to subdue the suspect?

Almost as important as the particulars of this case is the larger picture, and that is unsettling. FBI statistics show that police shot to death more people in the line of duty last year — 461 — than any time in the last two decades. That number is probably low, because not all police departments report police killings.

There are no official numbers on how many police killings lead to indictment or prosecution, but the unofficial numbers back up the widespread belief that very, very few officers — fewer than 2 percent, according to one report — are ever charged for shooting and killing someone when they're on the job.

Add to that the data from a USA Today analysis that show police in at least 70 police departments across the nation arrest blacks at rates 10 times greater than any other race, and it's little wonder that majority-black communities such as Ferguson believe that police often act in biased ways

and that killings such as Brown's grow out of that.

No indictment of Wilson doesn't mean there should be no change in Ferguson or elsewhere. One reason Ferguson exploded after the shooting was that the overwhelmingly white police department in a city that is two-thirds black seemed to some like an occupying force.

And it makes great sense for street police everywhere to have access to nonlethal weapons such as Tasers and to wear body cameras. Early experiments show that cameras don't just help clarify incidents like this one, they help citizens by deterring excessive force and help police by cutting down on false claims of police brutality.

When there has been time to digest all the evidence in the Ferguson case, the public will have a chance to weigh the facts against the instant conclusions. For now, assuming the prosecutors and grand jurors did their jobs properly and in good faith, it appears that the death of Michael Brown was a tragedy, but not a crime.

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A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stars as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

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From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stripes reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

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New York 3, D.C. United 2

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CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Eastern Conference
New England 2, New York 1

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New York 2, Sunday, Nov. 30: LA Galaxy at Seattle

MLS Cup
Sunday, Dec. 7: Conference champion vs. Conference runner-up

Deals

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Acquired RHP Chase Brewer from Arizona for cash considerations. Designated LHP Scott Lincecum to be traded.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Of Josh Willingham for outfielder Matt Joyce.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Named Dan Jennings assistant general manager.

TEXAS RANGERS — Placed Of Jai Rodriguez on unconditional release waivers.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Acquired RHP Justin Turner from Rio Grande Valley (NBAFL) to be named as cash considerations. Designated INF Ryan Jackson for release.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Promoted Jai Rodriguez to Texas for cash considerations and strategy. Chris Kimball promoted to director of baseball operations and Tai Patis to director of Brewers Enterprises.

BASKETBALL
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Houston Rockets — Recalled G **Kevin McHale** from Rio Grande Valley (NBAFL).

Memphis Grizzlies — Named Glynn Crawford basketball operations assistant and Jarron Collins to be named as cash considerations.

Football
National Football League
Dallas Stars — Reassigned LWR **Justin Williams** to Texas for cash considerations.

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College basketball

AP Men's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place vote in parentheses. Records through Nov. 23, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote and one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Prv
1	Kentucky (62)	5-1	1622	2
2	Wisconsin (3)	4-1	1494	3
3	Arizona	3-1	1491	2
4	North Carolina	4-1	1474	3
5	South Carolina	4-1	1314	6
6	Missouri	4-1	1187	10
7	Georgia	4-1	1187	10
8	Wichita St.	3-1	1120	11
9	Mizzou	4-1	1077	13
10	Gonzaga	3-1	1077	13
11	Villanova	3-1	912	12
12	San Diego St.	3-1	736	16
13	Ohio St.	3-1	760	15
14	Michigan	3-1	557	20
15	Florida	2-1	473	8
16	Michigan St.	2-1	399	19
17	West Virginia	2-1	344	-
18	Creighton	2-1	344	-
19	UConn	2-1	144	17
20	Arkansas	2-1	131	-

Other receiving votes: Arizona 10, Stanford 8, Providence 6, Utah 42, Minnesota 18, Iowa 8, Baylor 18, Alabama 18, Syracuse 15, Oklahoma State 14, Georgia 14, Kentucky 14, Baylor 14, California 14, Illinois 14, North Carolina 14, Indiana 14, NC State 4, Wyoming 4, Dayton 3, Texas A&M 3, Iowa State 3, North Carolina 1, Xavier 1.

Monday's men's scores

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Prv
1	Appalachian St. 82, Hampton 74			
2	Belmont 82, Lipscomb 77			
3	Campbellsville 94, Ashbury 89			
4	ETSU 69, Winthrop 64			
5	Freed-Hardeman 85, Bethel (Tenn.) 52			
6	Georgia Southern 78, FIU 72			
7	Lehigh 88, Davidson 77			
8	Louisville 87, Savannah St. 26			
9	Marquette 66, Cumberland 26			
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Monday's women's scores

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1	Columbia 79, Rhode Island 69, OT			
2	Cornell 88, Fairfield 44			
3	Luttrell 88, Fairfield 44			
4	Mass.-Lowell 93, Mount Ida 41			
5	Quinnipiac 74, Holy Cross 67			
6	St. John's 45, Marist 48			
7	Brooklyn 79, Bentley 63			
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3	Massachusetts-Lowell 8-3	3-1	806	5
4	Miami	3-1	748	1
5	Michigan Tech	10-2	748	1
6	Minnesota State	3-1	748	1
7	North Dakota (3)	3-1	748	1
8	Colgate	9-4	575	6
9	Providence	5-1	491	19
10	Nebraska-Omaha	7-2	435	13
11	Boston College	3-1	423	11
12	Quinnipiac	8-3	319	14
13	St. Cloud State	5-1	249	16
14	St. Cloud State	5-1	249	16
15	Harvard	5-1	147	18
16	Northwestern Michigan	2-1	141	17
17	Other receiving votes: Robert Morris 10, Minnesota 10, Penn State 15, Ferris State 4, Notre Dame 2.			

NCAA Division I poll

MINNEAPOLIS — The top 20 teams in the NCAA Division I men's ice hockey poll, compiled by USA Hockey Online, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 23 and previous ranking:

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College hockey

San Diego State, 92, BYU 87, 20T

Gulf Coast Showcase

Evansville 58, Fresno St. 52
Florida Gulf Coast 58, Jacksonville 51
Green Bay 48, East Carolina 49
San Francisco 58, Sacramento 51

Legends Classic

Michigan 70, Oregon 53

Villanova 77, VCU 53

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College football

TSN FCS poll

PHILADELPHIA — The top 25 teams in the Sports Network Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 23, and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Prv
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NHL

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	23	16	6	1	33	61	57
Tampa Bay	22	14	6	2	30	77	60
Detroit	21	11	5	5	27	59	52
Boston	23	13	9	1	27	59	57
Toronto	21	11	8	2	24	67	63
Ottawa	20	9	7	4	22	55	54
Florida	19	7	6	6	20	41	51
Buffalo	21	6	12	3	14	36	70

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Metropolitan Division							
Pittsburgh	20	14	4	2	30	72	46
N.Y. Islanders	21	15	6	0	30	69	57
N.Y. Rangers	20	9	7	4	22	57	58
Washington	20	9	8	3	21	56	54
New Jersey	21	9	9	3	21	53	61
Philadelphia	20	8	9	3	19	57	61
Carolina	20	6	11	3	15	48	62
Columbus	20	6	12	2	14	49	72

Western Conference

Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	21	14	6	1	29	57	43
Nashville	20	13	5	2	28	57	42
Chicago	21	12	8	1	25	63	44
Minnesota	20	12	8	0	24	58	44
Winnipeg	22	10	9	3	23	45	51
Dallas	21	8	9	4	20	61	72
Colorado	21	7	9	5	19	53	67

Pacific Division						
Anaheim	22	13	4	5	31	60 54
Vancouver	21	14	6	1	29	65 61
Calgary	22	13	7	2	28	71 61
Los Angeles	21	11	6	4	26	57 49
San Jose	23	10	9	4	24	62 64
Arizona	22	9	11	2	20	54 67
Edmonton	21	6	13	2	14	49 74

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Sunday's games
St. Louis 4, Winnipeg 2
N.Y. Rangers 5, Montreal 0
Anaheim 4, Arizona 1

Monday's games
N.Y. Islanders 1, Philadelphia 0, SO
Pittsburgh 3, Boston 2, OT
Detroit 4, Ottawa 2

Tuesday's games
Minnesota 4, Florida 1
Ottawa at Columbus
Winnipeg at St. Louis

Wednesday's games
Winnipeg at Buffalo
Washington at N.Y. Islanders
Philadelphia at Detroit

Thursday's games
N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay
Carolina at Florida
Toronto at Pittsburgh

Friday's games
Los Angeles at Minnesota
Chicago at Colorado
Calgary at San Jose

Monday

Penguins 3, Bruins 2 (OT)

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	1	0	1	3		
Boston	1	0	0	2		

First Period—1. Pittsburgh, Crosby 9 (Adams, Letang), 3:33.
Second Period—2. Boston, Lucic 4 (Eriksson, Soderberg), 1:43; 3. Boston, Morrow 1 (Hamilton, Gagne), 2:11; 4. Pittsburgh, Malkin 9 (Letang, Crosby), 9:42 (pp).

Overtime—5. Pittsburgh, Malkin 10 (Crosby, Letang), 3:32.
Shots on goal—Pittsburgh 10-10-12; 1 of 3; Boston 0 of 2.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 3; Boston 2.
Goals—Pittsburgh, Fleury 12-3-1 (29 shots-27 saves); Boston, Letang 10-6-1 (33-30).

A-17:565 (17:565). T-2:32.

Islanders 1, Flyers 0 (SO)

Philadelphia						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Flyers	0	0	0	0	0	0

Shootout—Philadelphia 0 (Loughton NG, Giroux NG), N.Y. Islanders 2 (Okposo NG, Nielsen G, Favara G).

Shots on goal—Philadelphia 6-10-4; 1-21. N.Y. Islanders 12-15-3-46.

Power-play opportunities—Philadelphia 0 of 2; N.Y. Islanders 0 of 3.
Goals—Philadelphia, Mason 4-6-2 (46 shots-46 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Halak 10-4-0 (21-21).

A-12:409 (16:170). T-2:40.

Red Wings 4, Senators 3

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	1	0	2	3		
Detroit	1	3	0	4		

First Period—1. Ottawa, Turris 4 (Karlsson, Ryan), 5:19 (pp). 2. Detroit, Nyquist 10 (Zetterberg, Kronwall), 15:04 (pp).

Second Period—3. Detroit, Sheahan 4 (Tatar, Howard), 2:23 (pp). 4. Detroit, Weiss 1 (Quincey, DeKeyser), 13:34. 5. Detroit, Weiss 2 (Helm, Jurco), 17:52.

Third Period—6. Ottawa, Karlsson 6 (Turris, Cowen), 2:43; 7. Ottawa, Neil 3 (Hoffman, Z.Smith), 19:25.

Shots on goal—Ottawa 7-12-26. Detroit 19-12-45.

Power-play opportunities—Ottawa 1 of 4; Detroit 2 of 3.

Goals—Ottawa, Anderson 5-4-3 (43 shots-39 saves). Detroit, Howard 9-4-4 (26-23).

A-20:027 (20:027). T-2:36.

Wild 4, Panthers 1

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	2	1	1	4		
Florida	0	1	0	1		

First Period—1. Minnesota, Zuck 7 (Koivu), 5:58. 2. Minnesota, Niederreiter 10-17:45.

Second Period—3. Florida, Thornton 1 (Kulikov), 5:34. 4. Minnesota, Zuck 8 (Koivu), 17:12.

Third Period—5. Minnesota, Parise 8 (Ponimalev, Suter), 18:31 (en).

Shots on goal—Minnesota 14-16-39. Florida 5-9-16-30.

Power-play opportunities—Minnesota 0 of 3; Florida 0 of 3.

Goals—Minnesota, Backstrom 3-2-0 (30 shots-29 saves). Florida, Luongo 6-5-5 (38-35).

A-8:426 (17:040). T-2:25.



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Boston right wing Reilly Smith, top, slams into Pittsburgh goalie Marc-Andre Fleury during Monday's game in Boston.

Roundup

Islanders solve Mason, beat Flyers in shootout

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Marc-Andre Fleury's biggest challenge after regulation was cleaning up their shaving cream shower his Pittsburgh teammates gave him in celebration of the goalie's 300th career victory.

Toweling off the mess took longer than the Penguins needed in overtime to beat the Boston Bruins 3-2 Monday night on Evgeni Malkin's goal 32 seconds into the extra session.

The Penguins exulted on the ice as a mystery teammate prepared to greet Fleury at the bench with the foamy surprise.

"I don't know, but when I find out, though, there's going to be some payback," Fleury said. "It was on the bench. That's why I never saw it coming."

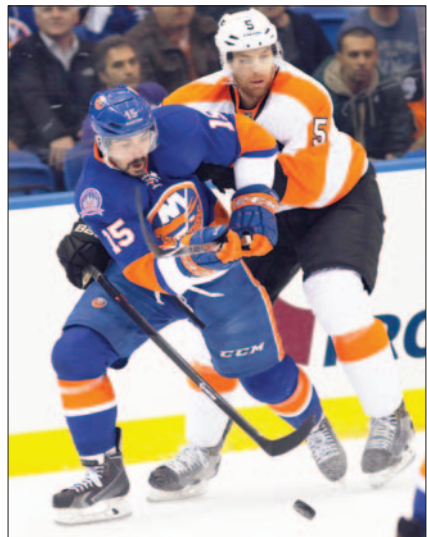
Fleury faltered during one stretch early in the second period when the Bruins scored goals 28 seconds apart. He recovered, shut down Boston on several scoring chances late in regulation and faced only one shot in overtime.

Penguins 3, Bruins 2 (OT): Evgeni Malkin scored his second goal of the night 32 seconds into overtime, giving visiting Pittsburgh a win over Boston.

Sidney Crosby had a goal and two assists, including a crossing pass for Malkin's one-timer past goalie Tuukka Rask. Kris Letang had three assists for the Penguins, who had lost their last two against the Bruins.

Wild 4, Panthers 1: Jason Zucker scored two goals to lead visiting Minnesota over Florida.

Nino Niederreiter also scored for the Wild, and Mikko Koivu had two assists. Zach Parise added an



KATHY WILKENS/AP

Philadelphia defenseman Braydon Coburn, right, defends New York Islanders right wing Cal Clutterbuck during the first period of Monday's game in Uniondale, N.Y. The Islanders won in a shootout.

empty-net goal with 1:29 left.

Red Wings 4, Senators 3: Stephen Weiss scored twice during his team's three-goal second period to help host Detroit beat Ottawa.

Playing his second game this season after missing much of it with injuries, Weiss had a pair of rebound goals late in the second to lift Detroit to its third victory in four games.

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NBA

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct
Toronto	11	6	.647
Brooklyn	8	8	.385
Boston	9	3	.750
New York	4	11	.267
Philadelphia	4	11	.267

Southeast Division			
	W	L	Pct
Washington	3	7	.300
Atlanta	6	5	.545
Orlando	6	5	.545
Charlotte	4	11	.267

Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Chicago	5	6	.454
Milwaukee	7	7	.500
Indianapolis	7	7	.500
Indiana	6	8	.429
Detroit	3	10	.231

Western Conference

Southwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
Memphis	12	2	.857
Houston	11	3	.786
San Antonio	9	5	.643
Dallas	5	6	.455
New Orleans	7	7	.500

Northwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
Portland	11	7	.611
Denver	10	6	.625
Utah	10	6	.625
Oklahoma City	3	9	.250

Pacific Division			
	W	L	Pct
Golden State	10	2	.833
Sacramento	8	5	.615
L.A. Clippers	8	5	.615
Phoenix	9	6	.600
L.A. Lakers	4	10	.286

Sunday's games

Memphis 107, L.A. Clippers 91	
Miami 94, Charlotte 93	
Portland 114, Philadelphia 104	
San Antonio 93, Boston 88	
Golden State 91, Oklahoma City 86	
Denver 101, L.A. Lakers 94	

Monday's games

Portland 114, Philadelphia 104	
L.A. Clippers 113, Charlotte 92	
Cleveland 106, Orlando 74	
Phoenix 104, Houston 100	
Houston 91, New York 86	
Indiana 111, Dallas 100	

Tuesday's games

Atlanta 107, Washington 95	
Golden State 104, Miami 93	
Sacramento 91, New Orleans 88	
Detroit 101, Milwaukee 93	
Chicago 101, Philadelphia 93	

Wednesday's games

Portland 114, Philadelphia 104	
Washington 101, Cleveland 92	
New York 86, Dallas 74	
Toronto 101, Atlanta 93	
Clippers 101, Detroit 93	
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Thursday's games

Atlanta 107, Washington 95	
Golden State 104, Miami 93	
Sacramento 91, New Orleans 88	
Detroit 101, Milwaukee 93	
Chicago 101, Philadelphia 93	

Friday's games

Atlanta 107, Washington 95	
Golden State 104, Miami 93	
Sacramento 91, New Orleans 88	
Detroit 101, Milwaukee 93	
Chicago 101, Philadelphia 93	

Saturday's games

Atlanta 107, Washington 95	
Golden State 104, Miami 93	
Sacramento 91, New Orleans 88	
Detroit 101, Milwaukee 93	
Chicago 101, Philadelphia 93	

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Golden State 104, Miami 93	
Sacramento 91, New Orleans 88	
Detroit 101, Milwaukee 93	
Chicago 101, Philadelphia 93	

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Golden State 104, Miami 93	
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Detroit 101, Milwaukee 93	
Chicago 101, Philadelphia 93	

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Golden State 104, Miami 93	
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Rockets 91, Knicks 86

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Pacers 111, Mavericks 100

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PHOENIX —			
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Clippers 113, Hornets 92

L.A. CLIPPERS —			
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Bulls 97, Jazz 95

CHICAGO —			
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James says 'I stink,' then helps Cavs dominate Magic

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — After a blunt assessment of his play at the team's shoot around, LeBron James responded with a dominant performance.

James scored 29 points, including 16 in the first quarter, and the Cleveland Cavaliers broke a four-game losing streak with a 106-74 win over the Orlando Magic on Monday night.

The Cavaliers were coming off an 0-4 week in which James' numbers were down, causing him to say Monday morning, "I stink."

"We got a four-game losing streak, so I stink," he said. "I'm not doing my job."

The four-time MVP took care of that problem by controlling the game early and sparking his team to a much-needed comfortable win.

"I'm my biggest critic," James said. "I wasn't happy with my play the last week. No one puts any more pressure on me than myself. You go out and you just don't talk about it, you show it, too."

Cavaliers coach David Blatt wasn't surprised that James followed his self-criticism with a strong game.

"His influence is widespread," Blatt said. "The things that he does and the way he plays the game and the impact he has on those around him is consequential in every respect. He can impact in every way. He did that and obviously everyone followed."

After averaging 18.5 points and shooting 41 percent from the field in the losing streak, James was 9-for-17 from the field Monday and tied a season-high with 11 assists while not playing the fourth quarter.

James hit four shots from the field, including a three-pointer, made all seven of his free throws and had four assists in the opening period. He finished the first half with 22 points, including a fade-away jumper from the top of the key to end the second quarter.

"He's a great player and that's what great players do; they lead their team and make plays at both ends of the floor," Magic coach Jacque Vaughn said.

Cleveland's problems began with home losses to Denver and defending champion San Antonio. The Cavaliers looked lusterless in losing at Washington on Friday, but their problems deepened the next night against Toronto at home when they led by 18 points in the first quarter and lost 110-93.

James wasn't himself, averaging just 18 points per game, committing a turnover in the closing seconds of the loss to the Spurs and inexplicably not hustling back on defense in the loss to the Wizards.

James called the Cavaliers "magical" following the game, and Blatt agreed with that point of



TONY DEAN/AP

Cleveland's LeBron James drives to the basket against Orlando's Channing Frye during the first quarter on Monday in Cleveland. After saying "I stink" earlier in the day, James dominated the Magic.

view when asked about it before Monday's game.

"Those were seven pretty tough days for us," Blatt said.

"A win always makes things feel better, but we still have a lot of work to do," James said.

Anderson Varejao scored 14 points while Kevin Love and Kyrie Irving each added 12.

Victor Oladipo led the Magic with 22 points while Nikola Vucevic

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TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Dallas' Devin Harris, left, and Monta Ellis, right, defend against a drive to the basket by Indiana's Donald Sloan during the second half of Monday's game in Dallas.

NBA roundup

Pacers down Mavs

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Donald Sloan scored 29 points and seven Indiana Pacers scored in double figures in a 111-100 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Monday.

The Pacers led the entire second half, and set a season-high in points and equaled their season high in field-goal percentage (48.1).

Indiana got a double-double from Luis Scola, who scored 14 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Solomon Hill and Rodney Stuckey each scored 12 points, while Chris Copeland and Damjan Rudez each had 11, and Ian Mahinmi added 10.

The Mavericks were led by Monta Ellis with 24 points.

Clippers 113, Hornets 92: Blake Griffin had 22 points and a season-high 16 rebounds, and Chris Paul had 22 points and a season-high 15 assists as visiting Los Angeles handed Charlotte its sixth straight loss.

Griffin was 10-for-23 from the field and finished one assist shy of a triple-double.

Tail Blazers 114, 76ers 104: LaMarcus Aldridge had 15 of his 33 points during the pivotal third quarter to help visiting Portland hand Philadelphia its 14th straight loss to open the season.

Briefly

Timberwolves' Martin sidelined 6 to 8 weeks

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Timberwolves guard Kevin Martin will miss the next six to eight weeks after having surgery on his fractured right wrist.

The Timberwolves announced on Tuesday that Martin had surgery to repair the injury, which he suffered in a win over the New York Knicks last week. Martin was injured in the first quarter but finished the game and was able to score 37 points.

Martin is averaging 20.4 points per game and is shooting 48 percent on three-pointers this season and his loss is a big one for the rebuilding Timberwolves. They are also without point guard Ricky Rubio, center Nikola Pekovic and backup big man Ronny Turiaf because of injuries.

The Timberwolves did get Thaddeus Young back after missing five games while mourning the death of his mother.

Dodgers acquire Nicasio

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Dodgers acquired right-hander Juan Nicasio from the Colorado Rockies on Monday in exchange for a player to be named later or cash considerations.

Nicasio will be added to the 40-man roster and infielder Ryan Jackson was designated for assignment to make room, said Andrew Friedman, Dodgers president of baseball operations.

The 28-year-old Nicasio was 6-6 with a 5.38 ERA for the Rockies last season, his fourth in the major leagues.

He had 14 starts but came out of the bullpen exclusively during the second half of the season, posting a 3.48 ERA in 19 games.

The native of the Dominican Republic is 21-22 over 88 career games, all with Colorado from 2011-14.

In other baseball news:

■ Josh Willingham is retiring after 11 major league seasons, agent Matt Sosnick said Monday.

The 35-year-old outfielder hit .215 with 14 homers and 40 RBIs in 364 plate appearances this year with Minnesota and Kansas City. He was 1-for-4 in his first postseason appearance, including 0-for-2 in the World Series.

Willingham has a .253 career average with 195 homers and 632 RBIs in a big league career that also included time with Florida, Washington and Oakland. Willingham had 35 homers and 110 RBIs with the Twins two years ago.

Manziel involved in hotel fight

CLEVELAND — Police say a Browns fan who says he wanted to give Johnny Manziel "a hug" was struck by the rookie quarterback's entourage at a downtown hotel and was left with a swollen eye and lip.

Police were called to The Metropolitan at The 9, where Manziel has a luxury apartment, after a fight broke out at 2:25 a.m. Saturday.

According to a police report, Chris Gonos told police he was assaulted by "Johnny Football and his entourage." The 33-year-old fan said he and his girlfriend approached Manziel and he told the popular first-round draft pick that he was a big fan and wanted to give him a hug.

Gonos said he took one step toward Manziel and was punched by a man listed on the report as Dana Kirk. Kirk said Gonos tried to assault Manziel.

No arrests were made.

Seattle's Marshall wins award

NEW YORK — Seattle's Chad Marshall has been voted Major League Soccer's Defender of the Year for a record third time.

He made 31 regular-season league appearances in his first season with the Sounders. He also won the award in 2008 and '09 with Columbus.

The league said Tuesday he received 83 percent of weighed ballots added from team, media and player votes. D.C. United's Bobby Boswell was second with 77 percent, followed by the Los Angeles Galaxy's Omar Gonzalez with 43 percent.

MEAC suspends 21 players

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference has suspended 11 players from Norfolk State and 10 from South Carolina State for a sidelines-clearing brawl late in the schools' football game last Saturday.

Conference Commissioner Dennis Thomas said in a statement disciplined players will miss the season-opening contests in 2015. Suspended players were not named. The MEAC said seniors involved who had no eligibility left were not punished.

In other college football news:

■ The Mid-American Conference has reimprisoned four Central Michigan football players who refused to shake hands with Western Michigan players during the coin toss.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Villanova storms past No. 14 VCU

By DAN GELSTON
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jay Vaughn Pinkston made it a happy homecoming for his family and kept the season a perfect one for Villanova.

Pinkston scored 15 points and Darrun Hilliard had 14 to lead No. 12 Villanova past No. 14 Virginia Commonwealth 77-53 on Monday night.

The Wildcats (4-0) used a 16-0 run early in the second half to bust this one open and advance to the Legends Classic final at the Barclays Center. They Wildcats needed about 2½ minutes to turn a tight one into a rout.

Pinkston, the 6-foot-7, 235-pound forward, helped lead the charge. Pinkston attended Bishop Loughlin High School and grew up about 15 minutes away from the Barclays Center area. His mother and other family members were in the crowd — but he kept the focus on hoops, not home.

"It was just coming in thinking about defense and rebounding," he said.

Coach Jay Wright broke in, "He's officially brainwashed."

They had a good laugh after turning this one into a surprising laughter. Kris Jenkins added 13 points to lead a Villanova bench that outscored VCU's reserves 36-11.

Pinkston was suspended his first season at Villanova, then worked his way into being one of Wright's senior leaders.

Pinkston had seven rebounds and made six of 11 shots. The Wildcats had 20 assists on 29 bas-

kets and carved up VCU's pressured defense.

"You don't see this kind of pressure and you don't see it consistently," Wright said. "You just knew you were going to get tested. You knew we were going to see how good of a passing team we are."

Melvin Johnson and Briante Weber each scored 13 for VCU.

The Rams missed 15 of 17 three-pointers and shot only 37 percent overall. VCU opened the second half on a 6-0 run to open a short-lived lead until they totally collapsed and were outthrust for the next 17 next minutes against the attacking Wildcats.

"I think we have the team certainly to be competitive in these types of games, but we're not where we need to be yet," VCU coach Shaka Smart said. "If anything, this is an eye opener to remind us of that."

With Wildcats fans making the train and subway ride from Villanova to Barclays, the blue crowd came alive during the decisive 2-minute run.

Ryan Arcidiacono forced a steal, then buried a 3-pointer for a 42-32 lead. Jenkins hit a 3 on the next possession to stretch the lead to nine.

The Wildcats showed some Havoc of their own — the in-your-face pressure defense made famous by VCU — when three players hit the court in a mad scramble for a loose ball forced by a turnover. Hilliard found the ball and found Josh Hart for a layup, three-point play and a 12-point lead.



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Villanova's Josh Hart, left, shoots over VCU's JeQuan Lewis during the second half Monday in New York. Villanova won 77-53.



EUGENE TANNER/AP

San Diego State guard Aqeel Quinn, center, battles Brigham Young guard Tyler Haws, left, and forward Isaac Neilson, right, for a rebound at the Maui Invitational on Monday in Lahaina, Hawaii.

Top 25 roundup

No. 15 SDSU tops BYU in 2OT

The Associated Press

LAHAINA, Hawaii — San Diego State senior Aqeel Quinn launched a potential tying 3-pointer, only to have the shot come back at him.

Instead of panicking, he grabbed the blocked shot, calmly gathered himself and dropped in the three-pointer he intended to make the first time.

Quinn scored 22 points and hit a big three-pointer in each overtime, helping No. 15 San Diego State outlast BYU 92-87 in the first round of the Maui Invitational on Monday night.

"I just looked down to see if I was behind the three and let it fly," Quinn said.

So did both teams in a wild second half and pair of overtimes.

BYU (3-1) trailed nearly the entire way before rallying behind Tyler Haws. The senior guard scored 20 of his 26 points after halftime, including a pull-up jumper to put the Cougars up 76-71 in the first overtime.

The Aztecs fought back and tied the game on a three-pointer in the closing seconds by Quinn, who had his first attempt swatted by Corbin Kaufusi.

That sent the game to a second overtime, where Quinn hit another three-pointer in the second overtime and scored on a hard drive to put San Diego State (4-0)

up 85-82.

Winston Shepard added 18 points for the Aztecs, who pulled out yet another close game against their former Mountain West Conference rivals.

No. 3 Arizona 72, Missouri 53: Rondae Hollis-Jefferson and Brandon Ashley each scored 15 points, helping the Wildcats wear down the Tigers in the opening round of the Maui Invitational.

Arizona (4-0) has struggled shooting from the perimeter this season and had another rough day from behind the arc, hitting a couple shots late to finish 5-for-16 from three-point range.

The Wildcats made up for it on defense, holding Missouri (2-2) to 36 percent shooting while scoring 24 points off the Tigers' 17 turnovers.

No. 6 Louisville 87, Savannah State 26: Montrezl Harrell had 15 points and nine rebounds, and lost Louisville jumped to a 29-0 lead over the first 15:58.

For a while the Cardinals (4-0) appeared headed toward pitching the NCAA's first shutout in a half since Duke led North Carolina 7-0 at halftime on Feb. 24, 1979, according to STATS. But Saadiq Muhammad's free throw with 4:02 remaining before halftime provided the Tigers' first point and Khalel Pinkett's jumper with 1:23 left ended their 0-for-23 shooting drought.

No. 11 Kansas 87, Rider 60: Brannen Greene scored 17 points off the bench. Perry Ellis also had 17 points and host Kansas rebounded from an embarrassing loss to Kentucky.

Svi Mykhailiuk, the 17-year-old freshman from the Ukraine, made his first start for Kansas (9-0), finishing with 10 points and five rebounds. Cliff Alexander had 17 and Iowa State beat Alabama to reach the CBE Classic championship game.

No. 13 Iowa State 84, Alabama 74: Georges Niang scored 28 points, reserve Dustin Hogue had 17 and Iowa State beat Alabama to reach the CBE Classic championship game.

Naz Long also scored 15 points for the Cyclones (3-0), who will play Maryland for the tournament title on Tuesday night. Matt Thomas returned from a suspension to score 13 points.

No. 19 Michigan 70, Oregon 63: Zak Irwin scored 19 points and Caris LeVert added 18 to lead Michigan to a win in New York.

The Wolverines (4-0) used an 8-0 run midway through the second half to snap a tie game to advance to the Legends Classic final.

No. 20 Michigan State 79, Santa Clara 52: Gavin Schilling had career highs of 14 points and 11 rebounds for the host Spartans. Travis Trice scored 19 points and had eight of his team's 22 assists on 29 baskets.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Gophers eager to earn Axe, shot at title

By ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Before the season, only the most optimistic Minnesota fans would have thought their Gophers would have something more tangible than Paul Bunyan's Axe at stake when it was time to play Wisconsin.

How about a trip to the Big Ten championship game?

A Gophers team picked fifth in the seven-team Big Ten West in the preseason will play at Wisconsin on Saturday for the division title and a matchup with East camp Ohio State on Dec. 6.

"This is what we have been working for all year," offensive lineman Zac Epping said after Saturday's 28-24 win at Nebraska. "Whoever wins gets to go to the Big Ten championship game, and everyone is excited for it. We get to battle for the Axe. It's going to be a hell of a game."

Minnesota (8-3, 5-2 Big Ten), which moved into the Top 25 at No. 22, has lost 10 straight and 15 of the last 17 to No. 14 Wisconsin (9-2, 6-1). The Gophers haven't won in Madison since 1994 in the series that dates to 1890, the longest in football's top tier.

They'll have plenty of confidence this week after what they accomplished as 10-point underdogs against Nebraska. The Gophers trailed by two touchdowns at half time and, with star running back David Cobb out of a left hamstring injury, were down 10 in the middle of the third quarter.

Quarterback Mitch Leidner led a pair of 10-play touchdown drives for the lead and finished with 111 yards rushing and two TDs. Brian Boddy-Calhoun saved the



NATI HARNIK/AP

Minnesota wide receiver KJ Maye, left, catches a 38-yard pass against Nebraska cornerback Daniel Davie on Saturday. A 28-24 victory over the Huskers has boosted the Gophers' confidence.

victory when he stripped the ball from De'Mornay Pierson-El at the Minnesota 2-yard line with just over a minute to play.

No doubt, it was a milestone win for a Minnesota program that had lost seven straight in Lincoln since its previous win here in 1960. During the Gophers' visit in 2012, they generated only 102 total yards through three quar-

ters and fell behind 38-0 before they scored two touchdowns in the last eight minutes.

"I came here two years ago and we got smashed," Boddy-Calhoun said, "and right now two years later it's a completely different team with a completely different feeling."

The Gophers have posted consecutive seasons with eight or

more wins for the first time since 2002-03, and they're assured of finishing with their best Big Ten record since going 5-2 in 2003. They're also bowl-eligible for a third straight year.

The upward trend is consistent with the pattern established by Jerry Kill at his previous coaching stops. He was 3-9, 6-7 and 8-5 in his first three years at Minne-



No. 22 Minnesota (8-3, 5-2)
at No. 14 Wisconsin (9-2, 6-1)
AFN-Atlantic
9:30 p.m. Saturday CET
5:30 a.m. Sunday JKT

sota and could lead the Gophers to their first season with nine or more wins since Glen Mason's squad won 10 games in 2003.

Kill said when he took the job, he told the Minnesota administration it could take seven or eight years to put the program in position to win titles. The Gophers haven't won the Big Ten since 1967.

"We still have a lot of work to do," he said. "We really do in a lot of areas to get where we want to be. I think it has happened a lot faster than I would certainly think. We came a long way, but that is because of the players and their effort in what they have done all offseason."

Now it's on to Wisconsin. The Gophers lost 20-7 to the Badgers last year.

Donnell Kirkwood, who along with Rodrick Williams filled in for the injured Cobb against Nebraska, said the Gophers will be prepared for the fan and media attention that is sure to come this week.

"This is a mature team," he said, "and I don't think it will bother us at all."

Egg: For Bulldogs, bragging rights, SEC West title, playoff spot on the line

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But for the Bulldogs, there's also a possible SEC Western Division title and a spot in the inaugural four-team College Football Playoff field. They can also reach 11 wins for the first time in school history.

It won't be easy — the home team has won nine of the last 10 in the series.

"You don't want to get ahead of yourself," Mississippi State offensive lineman Ben Beckwith said. "But there's a lot on the line."

Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen has been at his best in this rivalry — winning four out of five since he arrived in Starkville in 2008. The Bulldogs' only loss during that span was a 41-24 setback in Oxford in 2012.

Close to the end of that game, Ole Miss poked fun at Mullen by playing an earlier video on the stadium board that showed the coach in the locker room telling his team that they would never lose to the Rebels during his tenure.

Mississippi State linebacker Christian Holmes said that incident was still fresh in the team's mind.

"We won't lose to them again," Holmes said. Of course, the Rebels will have something to say about that.

Ole Miss started the season with seven



No. 4 Mississippi State (10-1, 6-1)
at No. 18 Mississippi (8-3, 4-3)

AFN-Xtra

9:30 p.m. Saturday CET

5:30 a.m. Sunday JKT

straight victories, but has now lost three straight conference games, including Saturday's 30-0 setback to Arkansas. The Rebels had six turnovers in that game, which was their worst performance of the season.

Quarterback Bo Wallace sprained his right ankle early in that loss, though he returned to play. Ole Miss coach Hugh Freeze said Wallace's ankle is sore, but improving each day.

"It would take a lot more than that to keep him out of this game," Freeze said. Prescott will have a hard time topping last season's Egg Bowl performance. He didn't play in the first three quarters be-

cause of a shoulder injury, but entered the game in the fourth and led the Bulldogs to a 17-10 overtime win.

"It's a game played with emotions and a game played with the heart," Prescott said. "It's a good rivalry and I'm glad to be a part of it."

Prescott bounced back from a three-interception performance in the team's only loss to Alabama on Nov. 15 by throwing three touchdown passes against Vanderbilt in a 51-0 victory on Saturday.

Now he'll face an Ole Miss defense that's giving up just 13.5 points per game, which ranks first in the SEC.

"They're good up front and they're good all the way around," Prescott said. "We just have to worry about staying sound on offense and taking care of what we've got to do."

The Bulldogs don't just have pressure to win on Saturday, but to win big. Mississippi State is trying to hold onto the No. 4 spot in the CFP standings with other one-loss teams like TCU, Ohio State and Baylor in close pursuit.

Mullen insists he's not particular concerned about the possible scenarios. He just wants to keep the Egg Bowl trophy for another season.

"Every one of these is as important as the other one," Mullen said. "... This is the



ROGELIO V. SOLIS/AP

Mississippi State football coach Dan Mullen is hoping to keep the Egg Bowl trophy for another season. "It's all about winning the game and getting bragging rights in the state for another year," he said. He's won it four times in his tenure.

biggest game of the year for us. This is one to me — the records never really matter — it's all about winning the game and getting bragging rights in the state for another year."

NFL

Lacy's performance encourages Packers

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Eddie Lacy got Green Bay's running game back on track by playing through a stomach illness.

And with the Wisconsin weather turning cold and snowy — and opposing defenses likely to follow Minnesota's blueprint in an effort to limit wide receivers Jordy Nelson and Randall Cobb — Lacy may be emerging at just the right time for the Packers.

Playing with what coach Mike McCarthy termed Monday as a gastrointestinal illness, Lacy carried a season-high 25 times for 125 yards in the Packers' 24-21 victory at TCF Bank Stadium on Sunday. Five of those carries for 27 yards came in the final 3:23, with Lacy running out the clock in the Packers' seventh victory in their last eight games.

After the game, Lacy's teammates said they knew he was sick but he insisted on playing through it. No. 2 running back James Starks had only one carry for minus-4 yards.

"I think it's really just a credit to Eddie. He's a heck of a football player," McCarthy said Monday, adding that the medical staff is "monitoring" Lacy. "Just for him to go out and have that performance in that situation I think speaks volumes to the type of person he is."

Lacy did not speak to reporters

after the game Sunday, and players were off celebrating a "Victory Monday" and not available to reporters. But his teammates knew the second-year back was ill.

"You could see it on his face a little bit that he wasn't feeling too good," guard Josh Sitton said. "He's just tough, man."

Despite Aaron Rodgers' gaudy numbers — he has thrown for 2,957 yards with 30 touchdowns and only three interceptions for a league-high passer rating of 119.3 — most opponents this season had opted to play with one safety deep, bringing the other up into the box to help defend against Lacy.

On Sunday, Vikings coach Mike Zimmer made it Minnesota's top defensive priority to take away Cobb and Nelson, and it worked.

Although Nelson had eight receptions, they went for just 68 yards — enough to put him over the 1,000-yard mark for the third time in his career but the fourth-fewest receiving yards he's had in a game this season. Cobb had a pair of important third-down catches, but finished with only four grabs for 58 yards.

"Teams are going to take away what we do best, and what we've done best is get the ball to Jordy and Randall," Rodgers said after Sunday's game. "They've had big statistical seasons so [opponents] try to take them out of the game."



CARLOS GONZALEZ, MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE/TNS

Green Bay running back Eddie Lacy (27) picks up yardage against Minnesota during the second half of Sunday's game in Minneapolis.

By the numbers

25

Number of times Packers running back Eddie Lacy carried the ball Sunday against the Vikings.

125

Number of yards Lacy gained against the Vikings, despite suffering from a stomach illness.

2

Number of touchdowns Lacy scored against the Vikings, a 24-21 road victory.

SOURCE: The Associated Press



AJ MAST/AP

Indianapolis quarterback Andrew Luck (12) is tackled by Jacksonville Jaguars outside linebacker Telvin Smith (50) during Sunday's game in Indianapolis. Luck was sacked five times in the first half.

Colts trying to shore up pass protection for Luck

By MICHAEL MAROT

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts coach Chuck Pagano laid it out on the line Monday.

Andrew Luck needs to be protected better than he was in the first half against Jacksonville.

"It's pretty plain," he said roughly 24 hours after watching his franchise quarterback trying to flee from the Jaguars' continual pressure. "It was pretty obvious what we needed to clean up."

Indy's halftime adjustments made a big difference.

After Luck was sacked a season-high five times and fumbled three times, losing two, in the first 30 minutes Sunday, he was barely touched in the second half. Luck led the Colts to two third-quarter touchdowns. He methodically put the game away in the fourth period.

If the Colts intend to make a deep playoff run, they know they must keep it up. And Luck upright.

Sure, there were explanations for what went wrong against the Jags (1-10).

Injuries knocked two starters, right tackle Gosder Cherilus and tight end Dwayne Allen, out of the lineup. The Colts lost a third starter, right guard Hugh Thornton, with a knee injury during the game.

Pagano said he expects Cherilus to play this weekend when Washington (3-8) comes to town. Allen is listed as day to day with a sprained right ankle, and Thornton's status is even more uncertain after doctors found a sprained medial collateral ligament. Pagano called Thornton weak to week, meaning it's probably unlikely he'll play against the Redskins and that the line dance will continue this week.

"We're going to continue to talk about that as a staff in the next 24 to 48 hours," Pagano said when asked about Thornton's potential replacement. "We know that we've got a bunch of guys that are more than capable. We know A.Q. (Shipley) can play, we

know Xavier (Nixon) can play. It looks like we're going to get Gos back, so we've got some flexibility with Joe (Reitz)."

Reitz, the Colts' most versatile lineman, replaced Cherilus at right tackle Sunday and struggled early against Chris Clemons, who had three sacks and a forced fumble in the first quarter.

But it's not as if this is new territory for Indianapolis.

A year ago, the Colts used six different offensive line combinations over the second half of the season and still wound up winning the AFC South and a first-round playoff game.

Still, nobody in the organization wants Luck taking so many hits. After drafting Luck with the No. 1 overall pick in 2012 instead of Robert Griffin III — in part because team owner Jim Irsay thought Luck would hold up better in the NFL — Irsay made it clear to general manager Ryan Grigson that the No. 1 priority was protecting his quarterback.

In 2013, the Colts invested heavily in two veteran free agents. Cherilus has usually played well. Guard Donald Thomas missed most of last season with an injury and all of this season because of another injury.

"They (the Jaguars) have a good football team and got a defensive front that's loaded with a bunch of game-wreckers, and they played extremely well," Pagano said. "Obviously the No. 1 thing is ball security, so we've got to make that a point of emphasis moving forward."

Especially when it comes to taking care of Luck's blind side, something the Colts did not do particularly well Sunday.

Pagano believes his players got the message loud and clear at halftime. He just hopes it continues to resonate.

"I think we had six fumbles total out during the course of that game. You're not going to win many games doing that," he said. "The bottom line is we won the game and that was our main objective."

NFL

Forsett's 182 yards carry Ravens past Saints

By BRETT MARTEL

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — After each of his two touchdowns, Justin Forsett knelt in the end zone, spread his arms wide and tilted his head back as if gazing toward the heavens beyond the Superdome roof. As he did so, the Ravens running back couldn't help but think of how much his career has changed in a year.

He played in nine games and rushed for 31 yards all last season with the languishing Jacksonville Jaguars, who then let him go in the offseason.

On Monday night, before a national television audience, his very first carry went for 38 yards and he finished with a career-high 182 yards rushing to lead playoff-contending Baltimore to a 34-27 victory over the New Orleans Saints.

"It's crazy, man. You think about where I was this time last year, just doing a lot of scout team work and coming in [to play] every once in a while," Forsett said. "To just get the opportunity when I thought I would never get it again, it's a blessing."

While Forsett is grateful to the Ravens for the chance they gave him, Baltimore (7-4) might say the feeling is mutual. No



JONATHAN BACHMAN/AP

Ravens running back Justin Forsett celebrates his touchdown in the second half against the Saints in New Orleans on Monday. The Ravens won 34-27.

one really knew how the Ravens' running game would fare after Ray Rice was suspended and later released because of an assault on his wife that was captured by hotel video cameras.

With five games still to go, Forsett has

rushed for 903 yards and seven TDs while averaging 5.8 yards per carry.

"The work he's putting in, the results he's getting and what he's doing for this team was huge," said Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco, who passed for 243 yards and a

touchdown against New Orleans. "He's not letting the guy tackle him in the hole with his arms or anything like that. He's breaking those little things."

"The offensive line did a great job of making those lanes open for me," Forsett said. "I just tried to seize the moment."

The Saints, meanwhile, appear to be breaking down. They lost their third straight despite Drew Brees' 420 yards and three touchdowns passing. When Brees did make a mistake, it was costly. His lone interception was returned 44 yards for a touchdown by Will Hill in the third quarter, giving the Ravens a lead they never relinquished.

"This is a game of inches and split seconds and unfortunately a lot of those have not gone our way this year," said Brees, who was also sacked four times. "We've got to accept what's happened but remain undeterred in regards to our direction. We just need a win. Winning cures a lot of things."

Indeed, a win could make the Saints (4-7) feel a lot better about their playoff chances. Despite their recent slide, they're still tied for first place with Atlanta in the anemic NFC South.

Scoreboard

American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
New England	8	3	0	.818	357	227
Miami	6	5	0	.545	285	219
Buffalo	5	6	0	.454	238	207
N.Y. Jets	2	9	0	.182	177	303

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
Indianapolis	7	4	0	.636	333	256
Houston	5	6	0	.454	242	226
Tennessee	2	9	0	.182	192	293
Jacksonville	1	10	0	.091	161	305

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
Cincinnati	7	3	1	.682	246	234
Baltimore	7	4	0	.636	295	208
Pittsburgh	7	4	0	.636	288	263
Cleveland	7	4	0	.636	242	219

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
Denver	8	0	0	.727	323	260
Kansas City	7	4	0	.636	261	195
San Diego	7	4	0	.636	245	216
Oakland	1	10	0	.091	176	285

National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
Philadelphia	8	3	0	.727	342	275
Dallas	8	3	0	.727	292	240
N.Y. Giants	3	8	0	.273	213	294
Washington	3	8	0	.273	217	273

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
Atlanta	4	6	0	.364	262	281
New Orleans	4	7	0	.364	288	286
Carolina	3	7	1	.303	215	293
Tampa Bay	2	9	0	.182	207	300

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636	197	150
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	218	203
Minnesota	4	7	0	.364	202	244

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
Arizona	9	2	0	.818	240	195
Seattle	7	4	0	.636	218	218
San Francisco	7	4	0	.636	228	221
St. Louis	4	7	0	.364	209	285

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
Oakland	24	1	0	.955	344	204
San Francisco	24	1	0	.955	344	204
San Diego	24	1	0	.955	344	204

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
San Diego	24	1	0	.955	344	204
San Francisco	24	1	0	.955	344	204
San Diego	24	1	0	.955	344	204

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
San Diego	24	1	0	.955	344	204
San Francisco	24	1	0	.955	344	204
San Diego	24	1	0	.955	344	204

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
San Diego	24	1	0	.955	344	204
San Francisco	24	1	0	.955	344	204
San Diego	24	1	0	.955	344	204

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
San Diego	24	1	0	.955	344	204
San Francisco	24	1	0	.955	344	204
San Diego	24	1	0	.955	344	204

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
San Diego	24	1	0	.955	344	204
San Francisco	24	1	0	.955	344	204
San Diego	24	1	0	.955	344	204



DUANE BURLESON/AP

Jets running back Chris Ivory stiff arms Bills linebacker Nigel Bradham during the second half on Monday in Detroit.

Monday, Dec. 1

Miami at N.Y. Jets

N.Y. Jets

Buffalo

First Quarter

Buff-FG Carpenter 5, 9:45

Carpen(kick), 4:45

NYJ-FG Feltz 7, 1:01

Second Quarter

Buff-Chandler 19 pass from Orton

(Carpen(kick), 4:45)

Buff-Lawson blocked punt recovery in

end zone (Carpen(kick), 7:57)

Buff-Jackson 5 run (Carpen(kick),

5:03)

Fourth Quarter

Buff-Dixon 39 run (Carpen(kick),

5:53)

Time of Possession 29:05

First downs 21/3

Total Net Yards 21/3

Rushes-yards 19-92

Passing 126 229

Punt Returns 3-42

Kickoff Returns 6-90

Interceptions Ret. 0-0

Comp-Att-Yds 17-31

Sacked-Yards Lost 7-39

Fumbles-Lost 9-39

Fumbles-Lost 9-39

Penalties-Yards 6-42

Time of Possession 29:05

Individual Statistics

Rushing-N.Y. Jets

Ivory 73, Conner 1-13, Smith 2-4, Vick

2-4, Buffalo, Dixon 12-54, Jackson 10-32,

Brown 6-20, Orton 1-10,

Passing-N.Y. Jets, Vick 19-31, 242, 2-0

Buffalo, Orton 1-10, 1-2, Buffalo,

Woods 9-118, Watkins 3-35, Chandler 3-

28, Jackson 3-15, Group 2-11, Hogan 2-5,

Smith 1-12, Dixon 1-8.

Missed field goals-None.

Ravens 34, Saints 27

Baltimore

New Orleans

First Quarter

Bal-Smith Sr. 15 pass from Flacco

(Tucker kick), 8:15

NO-FG Grahame 20, 4:00

Second Quarter

Bal-Forsyth 13 run (Tucker kick), 9:08

NO-FG Grahame 20, 4:00

Third Quarter

Bal-FG Tucker 31, 8:30

Bal-Hill 44 interception return (Tuck-

er kick), 4:59

Fourth Quarter

Bal-FG Tucker 58, 10:59

NO-FG Grahame 34, 6:23

Bal-Forsyth 20 run (Tucker kick), 2:53

NO-FG Tucker 2 pass from Brees

(Graham kick), 4:00

Individual Statistics

Rushing-Baltimore

Forsyth 13, Smith 2, Vick 2, Thom-

as 5-19, Brees 3-15, Smith 1-minus 2,

Passing-Baltimore

Flacco 18-24, 242, 2-0

New Orleans

Smith 8-98,

Woods 9-118,

Chandler 3-

28, Ingram 2-15,

Cadet 2-11,

Morgan 1-

62, Watson 1-4

Missed field goals-None.

After stormy week, Bills blow past Jets

By NOAH TRISTER

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Scott Chandler capped an emotionally draining week with a celebration for the folks back home in Buffalo.

After catching a touchdown pass shortly before halftime, he began mimicking a shoveling motion, a nod to Bills fans who have spent the last few days digging out of several feet of snow.

"It was a little bit of a tribute to the people of Buffalo," Chandler said. "You want to do something special for our fans. They did a great job showing up for us to-night, and for the people back there, we're behind you."

After a week of frightening weather and an abbreviated practice schedule, Buffalo played one of its best games of the season in a 38-3 victory over the New York Jets on Monday night. Kyle Orton threw two touchdown passes, and the Bills also had a key play on special teams in the victory.

Heavy snow in the Buffalo area moved the game to Detroit, but there were plenty of Bills fans in attendance at Ford Field. Buffalo (6-5) couldn't even practice before arriving in Michigan on Friday, but it was the Jets (2-9) who looked out of sorts all night.

"We probably had the easy part of it, and back home they had the tough part," Orton said. "Excited to get here and get a big win for us, and hopefully this will propel us forward."

Orton threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Robert Woods in the first quarter, and the second-year receiver's one-handed catch set up another touchdown in the second. Chandler caught a 19-yard

scoring pass from Orton to make it 14-3 late in the half.

Chandler needed a snowmobile to get out of his neighborhood before the team traveled to the Detroit area, and the Bills faced logistical issues for several days. Tickets to the game were given out for free, and although Ford Field wasn't quite full, the crowd of 56,044 created a decent atmosphere in prime time.

"Our fans are phenomenal," Buffalo coach Doug Marrone said. "When I first came out there, you don't know what to expect... Obviously, you get concerned whether it is going to be a home field or things like that, or be ready for a silent crowd. Then all of a sudden when I came out and looked to the right, and I saw all of those blue jerseys, I was like, 'Holy cow, baby. Here we go. We've got the crowd.'"

Woods made a nice twisting catch in the end zone for the game's first touchdown, and his one-handed grab was even more impressive. It wasn't on the same level as Odell Beckham Jr.'s touchdown the previous night for the New York Giants, but Woods was able to secure a 27-yard pass along the sideline with his right hand, helping set up Chandler's TD.

Woods caught nine passes for a career-high 148 yards.

"It was a busy week, sitting in the house wondering if we were even going to play a game, if we were even going to practice for a game," Woods said.

Buffalo broke the game open in the third with 17 points. Boobie Dixon blocked a punt and Manny Lawson recovered it in the end zone, and Fred Jackson added a 5-yard touchdown run.

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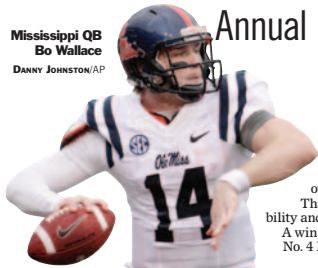
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The Egg Bowl trophy will be up for grabs on Saturday when No. 4 Mississippi State (10-1) travels to No. 18 Mississippi (8-3) for the annual in-state grudge match.

Ready for the Egg test

Annual Mississippi match has national implications

Mississippi QB
Bo Wallace
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STARKVILLE, Miss. — Mississippi State quarterback Dak Prescott is already a part of Egg Bowl lore, thanks to his unlikely performance in last season's come-from-behind overtime victory. That win earned the Bulldogs bowl eligibility and bragging rights. A win this season could mean a lot more. No. 4 Mississippi State (10-1, 6-1 Southeast

ern Conference, No. 4 CFP) travels to face No. 18 Mississippi (8-3, 4-3) at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium in Oxford. It's just the third time in the past 57 years — and the first time since 1999 — that both teams have been nationally-ranked going into the Egg Bowl. As always, state pride will be at stake.

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